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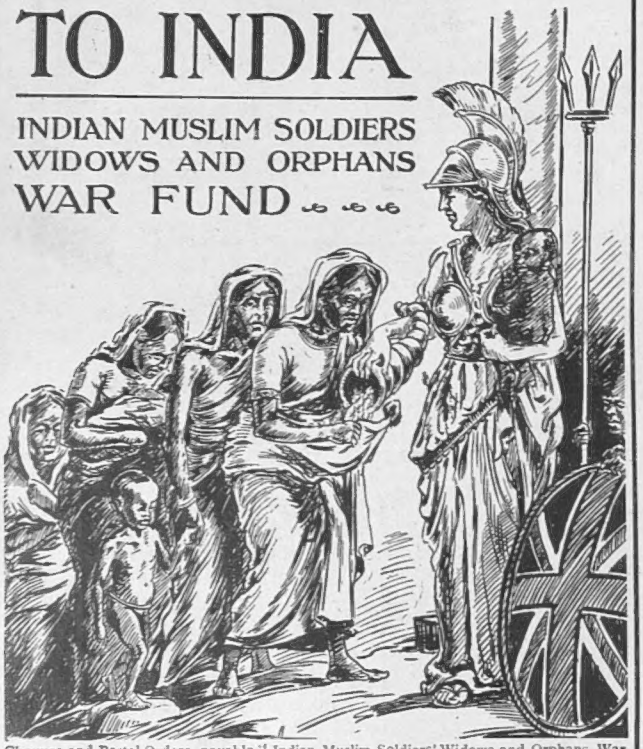

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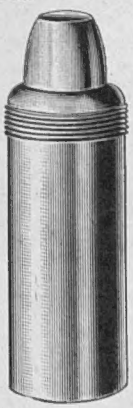

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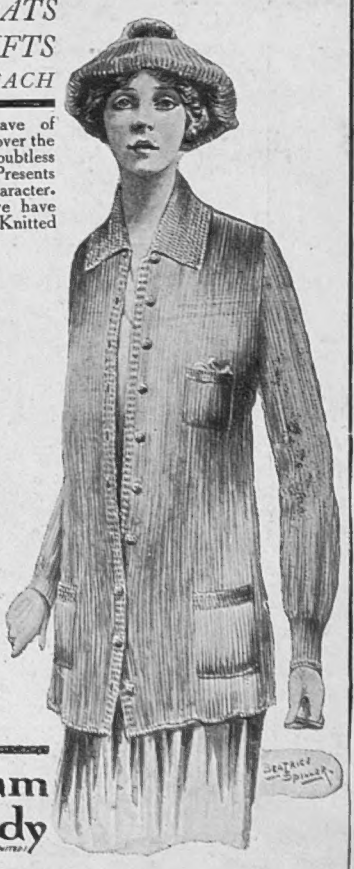

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BYSTANDER WAR COMMENTS

BY THE EDITOR

"The House" Buoyant

WHAT is it about the present situation that the Stock Exchange likes so much? For three weeks past one has read and heard of optimism. Who is the highly placed gentleman—or is it a lady again?—that is expressing such very optimistic views about the duration of the campaign? To the glance of the uninformed, there looks little enough to be buoyant about in all conscience. The only glimmer of hope in the week-end war news was something that was allowed to be published as to rumoured ructions between Bulgars and Turks as to the future of Thrace. If "King Fox"—or I suppose I ought now to get polite and call him Tsar Ferdinand again—did choose suddenly to change over, and turn his excellent army against the Germans . . . we might all wish each other a merry Christmas. For if the German campaign goes wrong in the south-east the game is absolutely up. There is nothing doing in the other theatres. In France and in Russia there is stagnation again, with the Spring chances in favour of the Allies. But talk of peace is, of course, quite improper.

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Incredible

I firmly decline to believe that provision for the Serbian armies retreating into Albania and advancing on the Adriatic has not been made by the Allied Powers. As it was foreseen two months ago by comparatively stupid people with no military knowledge whatever—a policeman mentioned the matter to me—that the Serbs would probably be compelled sooner or later to take refuge in the mountains of Albania, it cannot possibly have been unforeseen by the clever and experienced gentlemen who comprise the various Allied War Councils. Somebody *must* have asked somewhere of somebody else: "What shall we do for the Serbs if they are driven into Albania?"

LORD RIBBLESDALE

Who has received from Lord Derby a proper apology for having been called in effect by him a traitor at the recent recruiting meeting at the Stock Exchange. Like many another peer, Lord Ribblesdale has lost his son and heir in the war

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And Yet——?

After the needful deliberations, exchanges of views, reports of committees, etc., etc., it is impossible to believe that something definite was not *done*. Supply ships, packed with provisions, simply *must* have been sent to the Albanian ports, and in a very few days now every Serbian soldier *must* be receiving something to eat and drink, and something, perhaps, to shoot with. So obvious is this, indeed, that I don't know why it has been necessary to entertain any doubts. There have, however, been cases during the war where obvious things have not been done, and stupid, nervous people like myself do sometimes get fits of the cold shivers.

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"K's" Homecoming

By this time Lord Kitchener will probably—I hope—be safe back at Whitehall, with many, many things to tell his colleagues as to the real state of affairs out east: what they really told him in Athens and Rome, and the other place or places visited between whiles. His colleagues, in return, will be able to tell the War Minister all the things they have done for him in his absence, Lord Derby being able to report to his official chief on the success or otherwise of the Derby scheme for raising armies. The taking over of the Ordnance Department by the Ministry of Munitions will also, no doubt, gratify Lord Kitchener.

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A "Typical Englishman"

Lord Derby seems to have been conscious of the fact that the public regards him as, above all things, a "typical Englishman," and last week he took pains to remove any lingering doubts on the subject. He proved himself a typical Englishman by going down to the Stock Exchange to make a recruiting speech, and beginning it by attacking two gentlemen, neither of whom had anything to do with recruiting—Lord St. Davids and Lord Ribblesdale—calling one of them "no gentleman," and the other a traitor, or words to that effect. The latter has since been handsomely apologised for, but at the time the onslaught was vigorously applauded, and all England knew once and for all that it was being ruled by a typical Englishman, anyway, and that all was well.

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The Uses of Irrelevancy

I haven't the slightest doubt myself that those irrelevancies did more for recruiting than all the relevancies, and that being the case, one looks forward

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to further speeches by Lord Derby, the typical Englishman, with lively patriotic optimism. He will, perhaps, go next to Manchester, and lead off his recruiting speech by a violent attack on the late Mr. Richard Cobden. In Glasgow, we may look for a recruiting speech opened by some abuse of the Free Kirk movement. In Belfast, recruits should be raised by some rousing denunciations of Popery, while when he returns to London, and wants more Cockneys, what about a good slashing attack on the Book Censorship, or—better still—the Teetotal Cranks?

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Live Men v. Diplomacy

Our diplomacy seems to be looking up, thanks to its being conducted by other than diplomats. The open, visible, and audible visits of Lord Kitchener and M. Denys Cochin (with some ships in the offing) have done more at Athens than twelve months of secret negotiation. Each of these envoys said to the Greeks precisely what there was to be said, in the quickest possible time, and the desired result has followed. If this does not justify up to the hilt the outcry against official diplomacy, I don't know what will. We want real live people to do the country's talking.

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Cochin the Voluble

If Kitchener is proverbially a man of few words, M. Cochin (be careful to pronounce the last syllable "shang") is the exact reverse, which is as well, perhaps, in dealing with a voluble race like the Greeks. I cannot give a better impression of M. Cochin than by quoting from THE BYSTANDER's special Paris number of June 5, 1912, in which I recorded some conversations on the subject of the *Entente* with members of the French Chamber:

> The idea was dealt with at great length by a politician of the extreme opposite school (*i.e.*, the Right), to wit, M. Denys Cochin, who led me to a seat beneath the trees outside the lobby and delivered to me a truly beautiful oration, the memory of which, though I did not understand every word, lingers with me yet. M. Cochin soared aloft with me, far away and above talks of *ententes* and alliances. These, he said, are phrases of the past. Military alliances would cease to mean anything, and the only alliances would be associations of ideas between the peoples.

M. Cochin was, in fact, what, were I the *Daily Mail*, I should now proceed to call by most abusive names. He hoped, with other "peace cranks" and "Potsdam partisans," that the world was a better place than it is. Had he been a Briton, as Haldane is, his corpse would at present be hanging on the trees of the grounds of Carmelite House. Being a Frenchman, he is used for his country's work, which, in the case of the Greeks, happens to be "pretty talk." I have no doubt M. Cochin has, by now, filled the Hellenes with beautiful ideas similar to those with which he filled me, and that, as a result, the Greeks will become the lifelong friends of our Allies.

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A Tip for the "Folly" Stakes

I see Colonel Maude is advertised as having written an article in the *Standard* on the "Folly of Peace Talk." If folly in war-talk is a qualification, Colonel Maude has it right enough. Here is an extract (sent me by a reader) from a lecture delivered by him in late September:

> Colonel Maude declared that there was now every probability that the Allies would be able to drive the Germans steadily back on the western front. With reasonable luck they should have them up against the Rhine within two months. The Allies had evidently flattened out the enemy, silenced his guns, and broken his power of resistance.

If this represents Colonel Maude's prophetic accuracy in dealing with war, we can gauge its value in regard to peace. Speaking generally, judging by the kind of stuff that is being handed out to us by professional spouters and scribblers on the latter subject, it is just as well that the topic *should* be publicly forbidden.

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A Correction

By a slip of the pen in the article concerning Lady Barrett-Lennard, the song composer, in our issue of November 10, we referred to "the late Sir Evelyn Wood." I am only too happy to apologise for this gross exaggeration. Sir Evelyn is at the moment not only with us, but in the pink.

WILSON'S ARMY

The Bride of the Week

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THE PRIME MINISTER'S DAUGHTER

A new portrait of Mrs. Maurice Bonham-Carter, taken last week when she was Miss Violet Asquith, in the Cabinet Room of 10, Downing Street. Her marriage to Mr. Bonham-Carter, her father's Principal Private Secretary, took place yesterday, November 30

The Military Viewpoint

A JOFFRE FALLACY: THE SERBIAN DILEMMA

BY MAJOR G. W. REDWAY

I WONDER why writers who are so admirable within their own sphere and compass give themselves away—to use a colloquialism—by excursions into the thorny paths of military criticism without adequate preparation. But they love to do it, and their readers suffer in consequence. The Editor of the *English Review*, for instance, has been holding forth upon the bad blunders of the German Army in August, 1914, and he pontifically declares that "the Germans were baffled by Joffre's strategy," that they were "strategically defeated" by Joffre, that "instead of allowing the Germans the strategic offensive Joffre assumed it himself by forcing the Germans to come down to him and accept battle when and where he pleased, instead of when and where the Germans intended to seek a decision. The result was Kluck's straddled wing movement, the Crown Prince's mistake by Verdun," and so on.

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One's head reels with the effort to distinguish between nonsense and error in even the short passage quoted. What is a "straddled wing movement," pray? How does a general assume the "strategic offensive" by forcing his opponent to come down to him and "accept" battle? Of course, a commander may run away and compel his opponent to run after him, and it may be sound strategy to do so, but it certainly is not "offensive" strategy. What the Crown Prince's "mistake by Verdun" was we are not told. But when and where did the Germans intend to seek a decision if not when and where they actually fought Joffre's army?

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We shall not know for many years the initial plan of campaign nor the manner of its execution sufficiently to dogmatise about it; but what we do know is that in so far as General Joffre took the offensive it was the *tactical*, not the strategic, offensive; and only upon the theory that French strategy aimed at the defence of their frontier can we claim any degree of success for General Joffre. That this success was very moderate is clear from the fact that the northern departments of France were abandoned to the enemy, though the possibility of preserving a frontier is proved by the check of the invaders in the Gallipoli peninsula, the defeat of the Turks by our Anglo-Egyptian army on the Suez Canal, and the brilliant campaign of Marshal Putnik a year ago in Serbia.

ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE

With the Crown Prince of Serbia, who has proudly rejected Germany's peace terms. Admiral Troubridge, who recently telegraphed the news that he and his command are safe, has been decorated by the King of Serbia in reward for his services

The military situation in Serbia to-day is obscure. Marshal Putnik preserves an uncanny silence; the *Times* correspondent in the Balkans—probably Mr. James Bourchier, the amateur diplomatist who initiated the Balkan alliance in 1912—writes sparingly; and the enemy's reports are only useful as an itinerary of undisputed progress. In London we are dieted in the morning with Colonel Repington's gloomy *Times* articles and in the evening with catchpenny telegrams from Salonica, the spies' paradise. But the main outlines of the case are easily deducible from general principles and well-known data.

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The Serbian and Montenegrin forces are certainly no larger than the Bulgarian army, and, therefore, Marshal Mackensen's Austro-German divisions can only be matched by General Sarrail's Expeditionary Force, which at present is not ready for offensive operations. But time has been gained by the Serbian defence, which has taken the form of a retreat into the interior, and the invaders must "drag at each remove a lengthening chain" called the Lines of Communication. Serbia is not Belgium, nor even Poland, to be economically exploited by requisitions and contributions, and it is easy to imagine the circumstances in which the Germans desire to come to terms. Marshal Mackensen's plight may become serious if the Russians cross the Danube and General Cadorna can come to the aid of the Serbians. Meanwhile Mackensen will doubtless attempt a Napoleonic touch by detaining the Serbians on his right with a detachment while massing against General Sarrail on his left, and the question then is whether reinforcements can be brought faster from Salonica than from the Danube.

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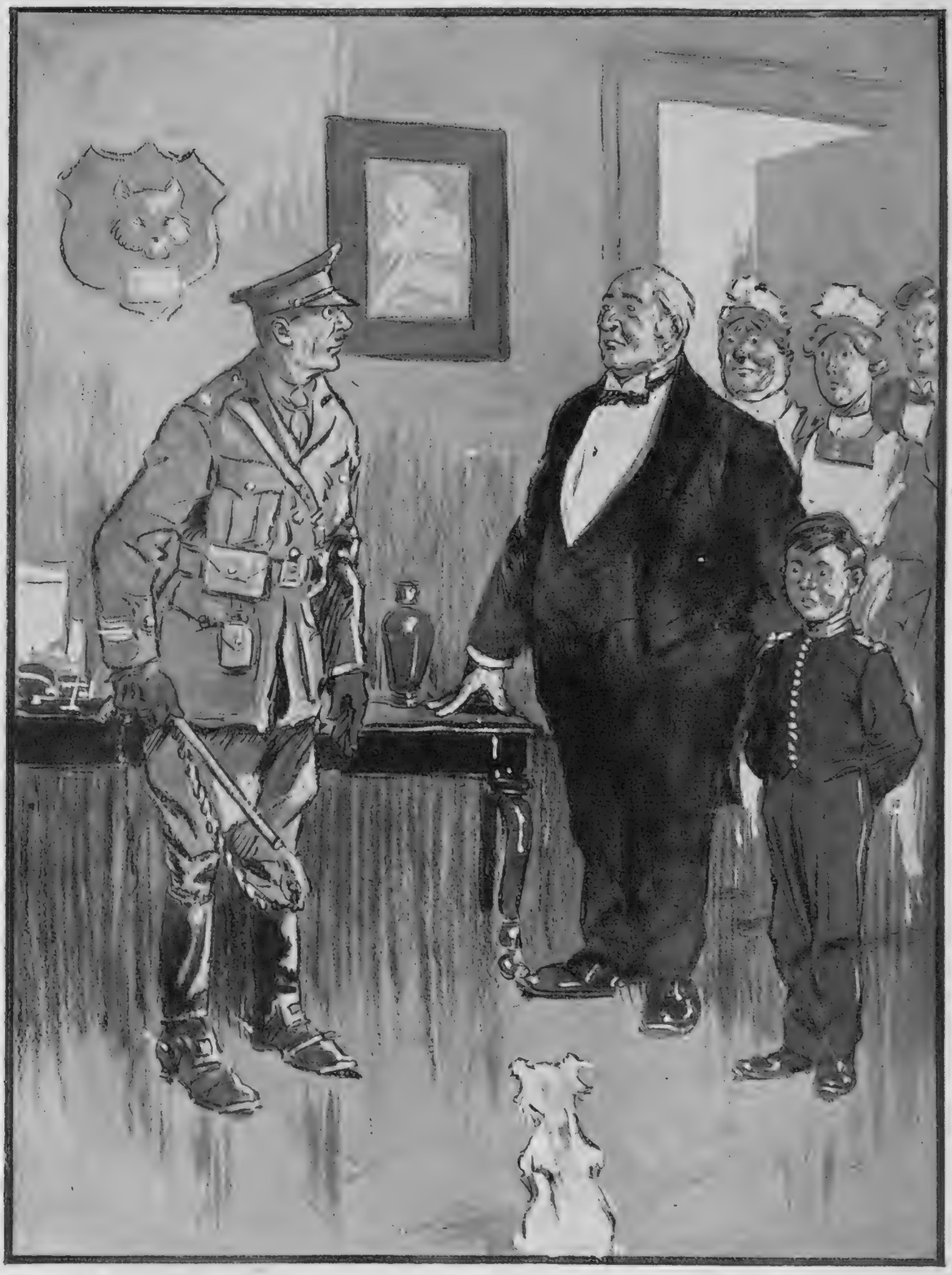
The unmannerly speech of Lord St. Davids about the domestic concerns of General Headquarters in France—a speech which well deserved suppression—has been allowed to distract attention from a most useful discussion. The question was, Have we a General Staff performing the functions laid down for it in Lord Haldane's "gospel"? Mr. Winston Churchill's *exposé* clearly showed that even for such an enterprise as the Dardanelles campaign our Thinking Department was ill-equipped. That is why we went in for a "gamble" last April and have been paying up our losses ever since.

Great Expectations



MAJOR (bidding farewell to "downstairs"): "Take care of 'em all, Mathews, till I come back"

MATHEWS (wishing to say the right thing): "I will, sir—an' you can rest assured, sir, that though absent you will be always with us; we shall watch the Roll of Honour daily for your honoured name"

DRAWN BY F. BUCHANAN FROM A DESIGN BY C. W. MAUD

"IN ENGLAND—NOW!"

London, *November* 29, 1915

Dear Cousin—

IT'S going to be rather a begging one, this letter, I'm afraid, but I'm not a bit ashamed. Our fighting men are doing so much, bearing so much, suffering so much, all for us. If there *is* a little we can do for them. . . .

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I want first and foremost those "Tommy's Cookers" (or the money to buy them) that I asked you for last week. It's fearfully cold in Flanders now, they say, and colder still in Gallipoli, where there are no billets and no hospitals. And if only you and everyone else who sits down these winter mornings to nice hot tea and toast in a nice warm dining-room would send me just one each—I guess there'd hardly be a dug-out in Flanders, or the Dardanelles either, where a frozen Tommy couldn't cook himself a mug of steaming tea whenever he felt like it.

"—want first and foremost those 'Tommy's Cookers'"

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Next I want a really rather original gift—it's a couple of mouth organs and a set of bones, or I'll send anyone the names of the men who want them. Here's what their spokesman says:

"Would you, please, apply in your Book, The Bystander, for a couple of mouth organs and a set of bones, to liven the dug-out of some Tommys? We have a couple of mouth organs, but they are almost gone. I must close, hoping we shall not be disappointed, wishing you and your Book the best of luck. I get it off the officer every week.—I remain, yours truly."

Which is rather a moving appeal, isn't it, when you remember how we, if we feel like it, can go to some fresh amusement every night?

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And last, but not least, an appeal to horse-lovers. "We've been out here since September, 1914," writes an N.C.O. of the Transport Section of the H.A.C., "and I'm in charge of about seventy horses. They have at present only about twelve sound nose-bags between them, and as these are rapidly becoming unsound, it has occurred to me that some of your animal-loving readers might like to repair this state of things and send us a few. They are exceedingly hard to get out here, and the poor horses do not get properly fed with leaking and ill-made bags."

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I'm quite sure I'll get *these* all right, because if there is one thing we English love and adore more than another it's horses, isn't it? Apropos, hunting's going quite cheerily, weather permitting, in the Midlands and places, and we're going to have racing as usual this winter, three days a week at least. They say there was a good deal of cajoling and a lot of talk about bloodstock, and so on, before Mr. Runciman would agree, but he has, and with one stipulation only—that we shouldn't let "specials" for Gatwick and Windsor and places hold up the ones for the Front, as they did last year.

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Which reminds me, positively *the* last "Derby Day" (the recruiting one, I mean) is now December 11. After that—well, after that no doubt Mr. Asquith and perhaps his Labour Party masters know. But as the House is just going to take its Christmas holidays, *we* shan't know what's going to happen, I suppose, until next February or thereabouts. I *do* like the calm leisureliness of the political machine, don't you? If it weren't war-time, and delay so quite dreadfully dangerous, it would be really almost funny.

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About politics, I don't know if the Lords are taking a two months' holiday too. If they are, it *will* be dull. Of late, you know, they've simply kept us going, they've been so amusing. Talk about blazing indiscretions. . . . In the Lords, you see, you can just say *what* you like and say it *how* you like.

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There's no Speaker to sit on your head, as in the Lower House—or, at least, I don't *think* that's included in the Woolsack's duties. Could hardly be expected, could it, for a mere £10,000 a year and such a lot of other things to do? And they say the independent creatures simply won't listen to speeches that aren't nice and spicy, or meaty, anyway. Not a tied house, like the Commons, of course, and they've got no sort of use for the kind of eloquent flapdoodle that goes down in "another place."

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Result, as I've said, quite amusing. Noble Lords blazon to the world gossip the rest of us only dared to whisper, even over the most intimate teacups. And as back-answers aren't the thing in the Gilded Chamber itself, they have to be sent to the papers next morning. Thus a Bishop writes, on his solemn oath and in a white heat of episcopal indignation, that the only woman *he* saw at General Headquarters in France was a plain old thing who brought him a very inadequate bath.

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Which I can quite believe, can't you? I mean, one doesn't, naturally, send pretty young things to give inadequate baths to Bishops, even at G.H.Q.

And an ex-Staff Officer in the Commons has denied with proper feeling the whole story. Seems they never really get time even to feed properly, much less for "women and bridge," poor dears. And as for week-ends in Paris or Trouville, it's all a malignant invention.

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All the same, they were talking, a little while ago, about giving up our G.H.Q. Staff in France, or, at least, of putting it under entirely new management—General Foch's. Which just a few Staff men I know would really hate, wouldn't they? These democratic Frenchmen *are* such workers. And they do get up so dreadfully early in the mornings, and don't bother a little bit about all the G.H.Q. luxuries — hot baths and electric stoves and all the rest of it. But Mr. Asquith seems to have put his foot down on the Foch proposition.

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"In the Lords you see, you can just say what you like, and say it how you like"

Mr. McKenna's spending sleepless nights on that subject, by the way, so they say—luxuries, I mean. Thinking out how to stop our going on indulging in them at the fearful rate we are. The trouble is, I suppose, just which sort of ones to go for.

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According to Lady Frances Balfour, the motor classes are already living in "comparative discomfort," doing without footmen and only using their cars when they want them. The working-classes are earning very high wages, and "the tendency to selfish extravagance on their part is very disappointing."

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But not so awfully surprising, is it? I'm sure if I suddenly got two pounds a week when I'd never had more than one in my life before I'd make hay while the sun shone, wouldn't you? And though, of course, it *is* tiresome when the footmen all go and enlist or something, still there's always the over-age butler, or the ineligible under-butler, or even, at a pinch, the head housemaid to fall back on, isn't there?

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Which may be "discomfort," but really is *very* "comparative," isn't it? Like some of the other kinds of war economy people are going in for. Asked for a cheap hat, a milliner I know could produce nothing under eight guineas, and this, though "trimmings" in the way of aigrettes and paradise plumes and things are dead "out" in war-time. Obviously the supply met a demand, though. The suggestion that a good war-time price for a hat would be, say, three or four guineas was received with the utmost scornery.

"One doesn't, naturally, send pretty young things to give inadequate baths to bishops—even at G.H.Q."

Apropos of paying for things, a sailorman who's wintered often in Levant waters, has been telling me how when the King of Greece, "Tino's" father, gave big receptions on board the flagship in Phalerum Bay "*we* had always to pay. His guests; our provisions." The King grew excellent white wine in his vineyards and sold it, "and what we drank at his parties we had to pay for."

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Walking in the Palace grounds one day he met the King's *chef*, and asked him why the King didn't preserve in his fine coverts. The very French *chef* patted his very round tummy. "*Moi je suis grand chasseur*," he said, "*mais le roi est pauvre amateur*." Later he heard the real reason—the Albanian frontier-guard, in their 56 feet of starched white petticoat, would have slain at sight with their bundooks every single head of game on the Royal property.

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In those days the present Queen, daughter of our late Princess Royal, used often to come from the Palace at Athens to drink a cup of real English tea aboard our men-of-war. "Tino" was then "a pudding-headed Crown Prince," at the head of a vain-glorious set of Army officers, who, by the way, got a fine thrashing when they declared war on Turkey.

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"With Tino at their head, they only faced the Turks once, then cut and ran, and never stopped running till we, as usual, stepped in, and drew the fresh frontier at Mount Olympus, just south of Salonica. If Greece jumps on our back now we ought to shell Athens, Corinth, Piræus, etc., and give Salonica to Serbia to hold the gate to Egypt and India for us." He's got his policy all ready, anyway—*he* wouldn't do for a member of the Cabinet, would he?

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One of these sailormen, by the way (of the younger generation) says it's a marvel to them "how you girls do up those long boots we see in the pictures these days now you all say you've done away with your maids. It must be a fearful strain bending down all that time. Not that I've seen 'em in reality, but that's my misfortune."

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He'll have a chance soon, though, I expect. There are great rumours, he says, of a few days' leave soon, and

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he's feeling "all of a Hoo Ha" about it—wants to know if he can come and see me for advice as to what to do.

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I don't think you'd better, Paulie. I'm afraid I don't know quite enough to show any young things in navy blue round the town, even in war-time. I do know a few things, perhaps, but nothing I could teach them. Wonderful how well up they are in general subjects, these naval experts, even when they haven't got ashore, except for a stray game or two of footer or hockey, for months and months and months.

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But, of course, anything we can do for our first great line of defence (or is it the second, now?). . . . We couldn't manage without them—could we?—and, as Paulie says, they'd willingly do a thousand times more for "all you precious people at home." Though sometimes, he confesses, it gets miserably monotonous, the constant waiting and watching, "though you'd be surprised at the cheeriness of us all."

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It's the food question, a man home from the front trenches last week told me, that's one of the worst of the difficulties out there—getting up the rations to the men. So twisted and tortuous and narrow are the trenches that two or three men carrying food have done a hard day's work by the time they get into the firing line.

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Half the time their loads are bumping in maddening fashion against the trench sides, and if they happen to meet anyone there's the sort of trouble you get in Devonshire lanes—a fair problem. And it has happened that they never get there at all. Which means a twenty-four hour fast for the fighting men who've no little odds and ends put by them.

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Still, even the trenches can hardly be *much* worse than Piccadilly's been for weeks. Single file it's been, 'buses, motors, taxis, drays, and would have been jolly dangerous these dark nights if the traffic hadn't gone down to half or less since the world in general stays at home o' nights now.

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All the same, the theatres are going fairly strong, though I'm not sure the everyday matinée idea has caught on like wild-fire. After all, it's a very limited company—the people who'll go to a matinée every afternoon.

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And the charity matinée and bazaar idea seems rather fizzling out, too. There've been such millions of them lately, and it rather looks as if people were beginning to strike at paying, and actors at playing, for these shows—though the stage people probably get full value for "kindly giving their services" in the way of pats from peeresses and kisses from countesses and that sort of thing.

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Concerts and picture shows are dwindling down a bit, too, and so are the war weddings, though, of course, there's the Asquith one this week, and next the heir to all the greatness of the Cecils is getting married too. For the rest, though, really, hardly anything—except feeding each other, which looks like being almost the one and only form of entertainment soon, though they still, I believe, dance in some places.

With love, yours ever,

BLANCHE

The Last Volunteer

A NOVEMBER EPISODE

NOTICE!

The

Christmas Bystander

was Sold out within a few days of issue.

Rivers Forded While You Wait

A PONTOON BRIDGE ON THE MOVE SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

Our illustration shows a pontoon bridge constructed by French Engineers being towed up a river to its ultimate destination. The bridge is practically completed before it starts on its journey, and all that remains to be done when the crossing-place is reached is to join the pontoons together with the linking apparatus which is carried on board of each one, so that the bridge can be used by troops within a short time after its arrival. All the Engineers wear life-belts in case of accident

Things that don't Matter

BY "QUIDNUNC"

IS it true that the real object of the new drastic Liquor Regulations is to make life at home so intolerable that everyone will rush into the Army? Someone whispers that "Official Photographs" from the Front are to represent trenches fitted up like saloon bars with the tempting legends, "Free Drinks—anything you fancy—in between shots." After all, this would be an improvement on the earlier recruiting methods of insulting posters and private personal persecution. But would it not tempt the enemy to make a rush for our lines?

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You will be wise to reject the description of almost impossible luxury which is to be found according to Lord St. Davids at British Headquarters in France. This, you may take it, is merely the first move in a subtle campaign to popularise the Army with the man who has not yet joined up. In recruiting it is better to be attractive than accurate—until the shooting begins—then, if you are not the latter you have little chance of remaining the former.

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I understand that a special committee has been formed to devise means for making life at home as miserable and uncomfortable as possible. All sorts of schemes are under consideration. "The Gloomy Dean" is to be invited to write the next serial for the *Mail*. "Quidnunc," poor dear, and Harry Lauder are to be locked up. The *Observer* is to come out *daily*, and Mr. Garvin is to write every word of it. The merry Bystander is to be made an annual, and is not to appear before 1950, when it is hoped that the last stage of the war may be in sight. Mr. Asquith is to speak hourly and say every time "We will not sheathe the sword, etc." Anyone who smiles is to be publicly flogged, and all the clubs are to be staffed by undertakers. Then only shall we don khaki as if it were a bridal garment, and count the days before we leave for the trenches, as in the old time when a jolly holiday came near.

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May I very humbly correct our High Command? These gentlemen and others, too, hug the delusion that reverses—or shall we call them "slight set-backs"?—are the best means of getting recruits. This unfortunate miscalculation of the national temperament has dominated their Generalship in the field. "Shall we push these Germans over the Rhine?" they must have asked themselves repeatedly, and the answer has always been "Certainly not. Unless we are in difficulties we shall never get recruits."

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Well, frankly—the public thinks otherwise. After all these months of war we want the joy of victory. After sending millions of men we want some results. We know that our men are all right. We ask that the Generals should also prove themselves. Recruits will come fast enough *then*. Try the new policy.

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To-Day's Great Sorrow

People who are not out of work though the war: The Income-Tax Collectors.

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It has been proposed that the Rowntrees and the Cadburys should be made Kings of the Balkan States. The canny idea is that if we have peace-at-any-price potentates we should secure peace for ever and ever. This dynastic change would be interesting if only to show the world with what sort of noise a nation of cocoa-drinkers saluted their Sovereign. My belief is that it would be a hicc-up. (I cannot remember whether it was before or after I drank my only cup of cocoa that I got my hicc-up.) But surely we must win the Balkan States before we can give them away—for a packet of cocoa.

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Here are some sayings from a kiltie back from the trenches:

"I've seen some of the biggest blackguards die like perfect gentlemen."

"Every man believes that there is a bullet with his name on it. Some get other chap's bullets as well."

"Being under shell-fire shows a fellow's character better than a game at cards."

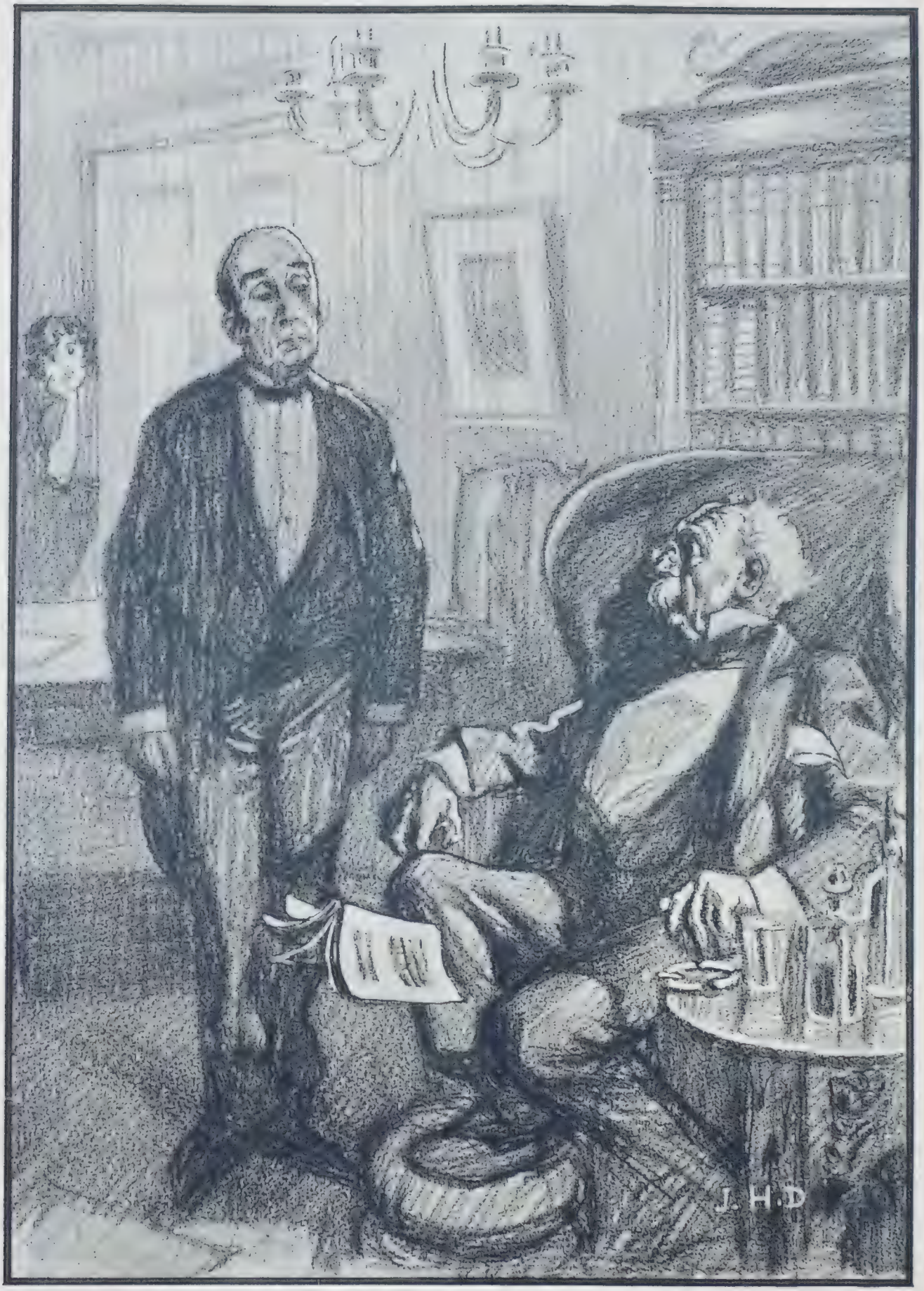
"Boy soldiers? Well, I've seen 'em lie in the trench and scream. Others have been as brave as lions. None should be there. Kids sicken at blood."

"A man who says he wants to go back again is either a liar or a lunatic. I'll go myself if they want me—but——oh, hell!"

NEW LAMPS FOR OLD

LORD KITCHENER (*to Hellas*): "Madam, I flatter myself I know a thing or two about Mahometans, and judging by the looks of our rather elaborate 'Friend of Islam' yonder, I say stick to what you've got or you'll regret it all your life!"

Dutiful as Usual



IMPERTURBABLE JAMES: "I don't know whether you would care to see them, sir, but the Zeppelins have come"

NOTES *from* THE HAGUE

A VISIT TO INTERNED BRITISH OFFICERS

(From a Resident Correspondent)

The Hague, *November*, 1915

ONE day last week I paid a short visit to the fort with a long unpronounceable, and almost unspellable name, where most of the British officers who are interned in Holland are confined. Most of them belong to the Royal Naval Division ("Churchill's Innocent Victims" is, I am told, the name given to them in England).

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You will remember that those battalions of this division were cut off at Antwerp and forced into Holland. The Antwerp blunder is a long and interesting story, which will have to be told some day, and, when it is told, there are some incidents in connection therewith which may come as a surprise to the public. In addition to these more or less naval officers there are a few pilots and observers of the Royal Flying Corps, who have had the misfortune to land in Holland, owing, perhaps, to some engine trouble, a bullet in the petrol tank, or some other reason of that kind. It is a misfortune only in the sense that all officers and men interned in Holland are prevented from taking any further part in the war unless Holland comes in (as is very unlikely), or unless they can manage to elude the vigilance of their kindly Dutch guardians.

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The officers are closely guarded. Their fort is not large, and is surrounded by a moat 80 yards wide, there is a strong and high double line of barbed wire round that part of the fort where they had to remain after dark, and sentries every forty or fifty yards, whose vigil is rendered easier by what seems to be a very liberal allowance of powerful petroleum lamps. In addition to these apparently ample precautions, the country outside the fort is patrolled by gendarmes, and every officer's room is visited every two hours from midnight till morning, to see if he is safely tucked-up in bed.

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This last precaution was thought necessary because two officers did manage to get away some time ago, and their beds in the morning were found to be occupied by dummies, consisting of clothes arranged more or less like a human form, with the bedclothes thrown over them. In consequence of this little ruse the absence of the couple was not noticed till about 10.30 in the morning, by which time the runaways were, I suppose, in a place of safety.

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Visitors to the fort have to obtain special permission from the authorities, and are made to sign a statement to the effect that they will in no way help anyone to escape, or even discuss the matter.

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The officers' rooms look fairly comfortable, and there are two good bathrooms. But I hear that when they arrived from Groningen, whence they had been sent in a hurry last January, owing to several of their number having got away from that town, the fort, which had been uninhabited for many years, was a very damp, cold, bare spot.

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The untiring exertions of the Dutch Commandant, Baron van Boecop, entirely changed the aspect of the place in a very few weeks, and there is nothing now to complain of in the accommodation provided.

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The food, for which officers pay some *2s. 3d.* a day, is said to be ample, if a trifle monotonous, the water supply is now good, but first of all the drinking water came from the moat, into which everything drained.

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Life at this fort is bound to be dull, more especially in winter, but during last summer two tennis courts were made, and a little tournament was held, for which the British Minister, Sir Alan Johnstone, most kindly offered prizes; moreover, he presented them personally, which was much appreciated by all the officers.

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Leave is granted once a month for three days, but officers taking leave are under strictest parole not to make any arrangements to escape. The Dutch naturally expect that occasionally someone will try and evade their vigilance, and on the whole take a sporting view of such attempts, but they take great exception to the abuse of any privileges they may grant.

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A short time ago a tunnel was dug by some of the officers. It started under the bed of one of them, and made its way out some 25 yards under a parapet. A few yards more, and I have little doubt that there would have been a general exodus one fine night, or preferably one rainy night, a cold swim across the moat, and a dash for freedom. Alas! one of the servants discovered it just too soon, and that plan was frustrated. The authorities took the sporting view that the discovery was in itself sufficient punishment, and merely took preventive measures.

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The Dutch military authorities obviously take their duties as neutrals very seriously, and one of those duties is to see that belligerent troops, who, by misfortune of war, enter their territory, do not leave it again to renew their warlike occupations. These duties are clearly laid down, and were drawn up, I fancy, at one of the Peace Conferences at The Hague. No one can complain, then, at the stringent measures which they think fit to adopt for the safe keeping of those interned.

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I hear, however, on very good authority that the British Government wishes all officers to take a permanent parole, and that the Dutch Government also would favour such a course, which is devoutly to be desired. I hear also that interned men are to be allowed to take up civil employment, if such can be found, and if it does not replace Dutch workers.

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Everyone prophecies a hard winter and plenty of skating. It wouldn't be at all a bad idea if people really wanting a short holiday from the strain of war work paid a visit to this little country during the coming winter. They would find plenty to interest and, maybe, something to amuse them, and the journey is not expensive.

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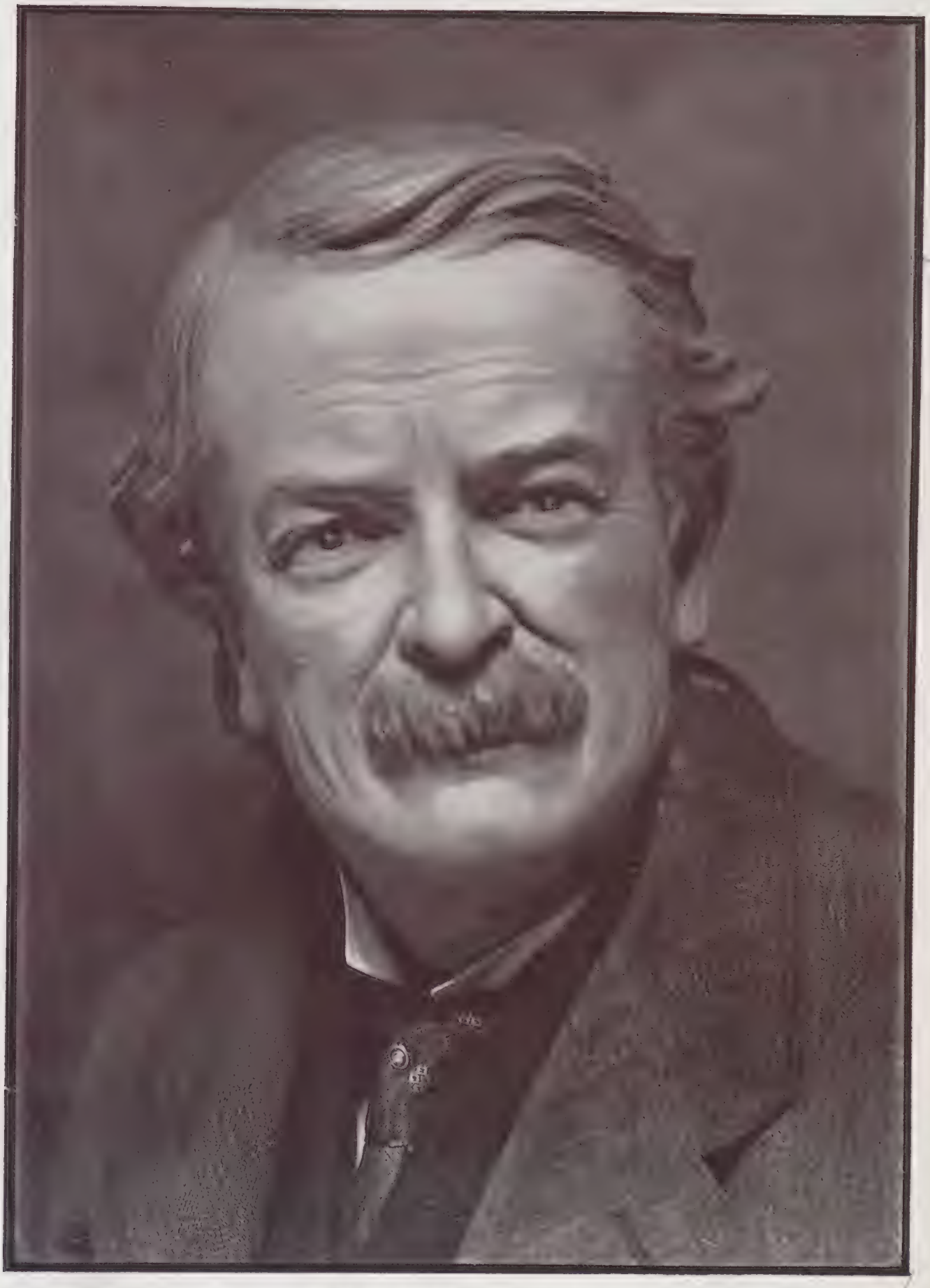

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Racing As Usual—But on a Different Course

WILHELM, THE OLD 'UN, MAKES A LITTLE BOOK ON THE EUROPEAN STAKES

MUD, BLOOD and KHAKI

NEW SERIES

No. 1.—JOHNNY GURKHA

A TYPICAL "JOHNNY" IN HIS "SMASHER" HAT

WHEN I assure you on my word of honour as an officer and a gentleman that I have seen an elderly farm-wife affectionately embracing a Gurkha cook you will—especially if you know Gurkha cooks—realise the esteem in which *Les Hindous* are held all over Northern France. Indeed, it must be admitted in all honesty that the behaviour of "Johnny" has invariably been infinitely better than that of "Tommy," or of "Jock." "Tommy" and "Jock" are apt to be a little careless at times of other people's property, are sometimes ignorant of their laws, and often noisy and occasionally rough. Such accusations can never be laid at the door of "Johnny." His mirth he expresses with a grin; he is as gentle as the children whom he adores, and even the terrible temptations of chickens galore have left him without a stain on his character.

I say "Johnny" advisedly, for among all the troops that India has sent to fight our battles the Gurkha stands out pre-eminent, and the people of Northern France will have a good word to say for *les Boers*, which they have all along persisted in calling them on account of what the War Office names their "smasher" hats, for many a long year to come. I have mixed with many types of men during these last fourteen months of penal servitude at the Front, but I know none for whom I have more affection and respect than Johnny Gurkha. He represents, to my mind, the almost perfect type of soldier, always cheery, extraordinarily well disciplined, of perfect behaviour in billets, the most easily amused person in the world, and the least easily moved. How difficult it is to move them may be explained by the fact that the only things that have really impressed "Johnny" during his sojourn in France are the aeroplanes and the—to him—colossal size of the horses and the cows. Even "Jack Johnsons" and "Woolly Bears" fail to stir him, and for a "pip squeak" he has absolute contempt, while the hiss of rifle bullets worry him little more than the buzzing of bees.

A strange little fellow, Johnny Gurkha. I have seen him receive the *medaille militaire* without a smile, and I have heard him roar with laughter while two of his subaltern *sahibs* indulged in a "rough and tumble" outside the mess. He has fought the Hun without the slightest idea of the reason for such fighting. In "Johnny's" eyes his *sahib* can make no mistake. He adores him. For the French he has merely a tolerant regard. He is mildly amused at the enormous value they set upon a chicken or an egg, and he pities them deeply for being compelled to live in so poisonous a climate. Indeed, his attitude towards our Allies has in it not a little of patronage. For what sort of a *mem-sahib* was this who would ask five francs for a chicken and three annas for an egg?

His only amusements in Northern France consist in kicking about a football and conversing at infinite length. A Gurkha's conversational powers are absolutely inexhaustible. He will begin to chat at five a.m. and at nine p.m. he will still be found in deep converse with the same friend. He seldom—happily for his *sahibs*—indulges in song, but he has a passion for a gramophone, and if presented with one will only cease working it when there is a breakdown in the machinery.

But it is of the Gurkha as a warrior that I would also write. One could fill pages with his deeds of heroism, which reached their climax in that super-gallant charge of the 2/8th on September 25 last, when they went grinning into action and came out still grinning. Victoria Crosses were earned by the dozen on that great day, so barren of result, alas! but through no fault of those whom a General afterwards described as "as gallant a battalion as ever went over a parapet." God help the Hun that met Johnny Gurkha face to face that cold misty morning. There was many an old score to wipe out, many, many a death to avenge, yet quarter was given where quarter was due, for the Gurkha is a generous foe. And when after it was all over and they marched wearily, though still cheerily, back to billets, where the villagers who had only bid the battalion *au revoir* twenty-four hours before stood sobbing at their farm gates, Johnny Gurkha took the "great General *sahib's*" praise with an immovable face, and an hour or two afterwards was to be found kicking a dilapidated football round a muddy field, or curled up in a barn smoking innumerable cigarettes, listening to the musical charms of an ancient gramophone coaxed into tremulous action for this memorable occasion. Verily and indeed it is of such stuff that real heroes are made. And while the wheezy, long-suffering gramophone was scratching out surely the strangest rendering of "Kathleen Mavourneen" for the consolation of these weary warriors their gallant Colonel lay in an ambulance near by with the dying phrase on his lips, "By God, the battalion did well, didn't they? By God they did!"

Oh, yes, they have made mistakes, these Indians, but, then, so have the British, it must be remembered. And the British have surely never fought under quite the same handicap as these dark-skinned fellows, hurried thousands of miles from their sunny homes into the dreariest climate in the world, there to

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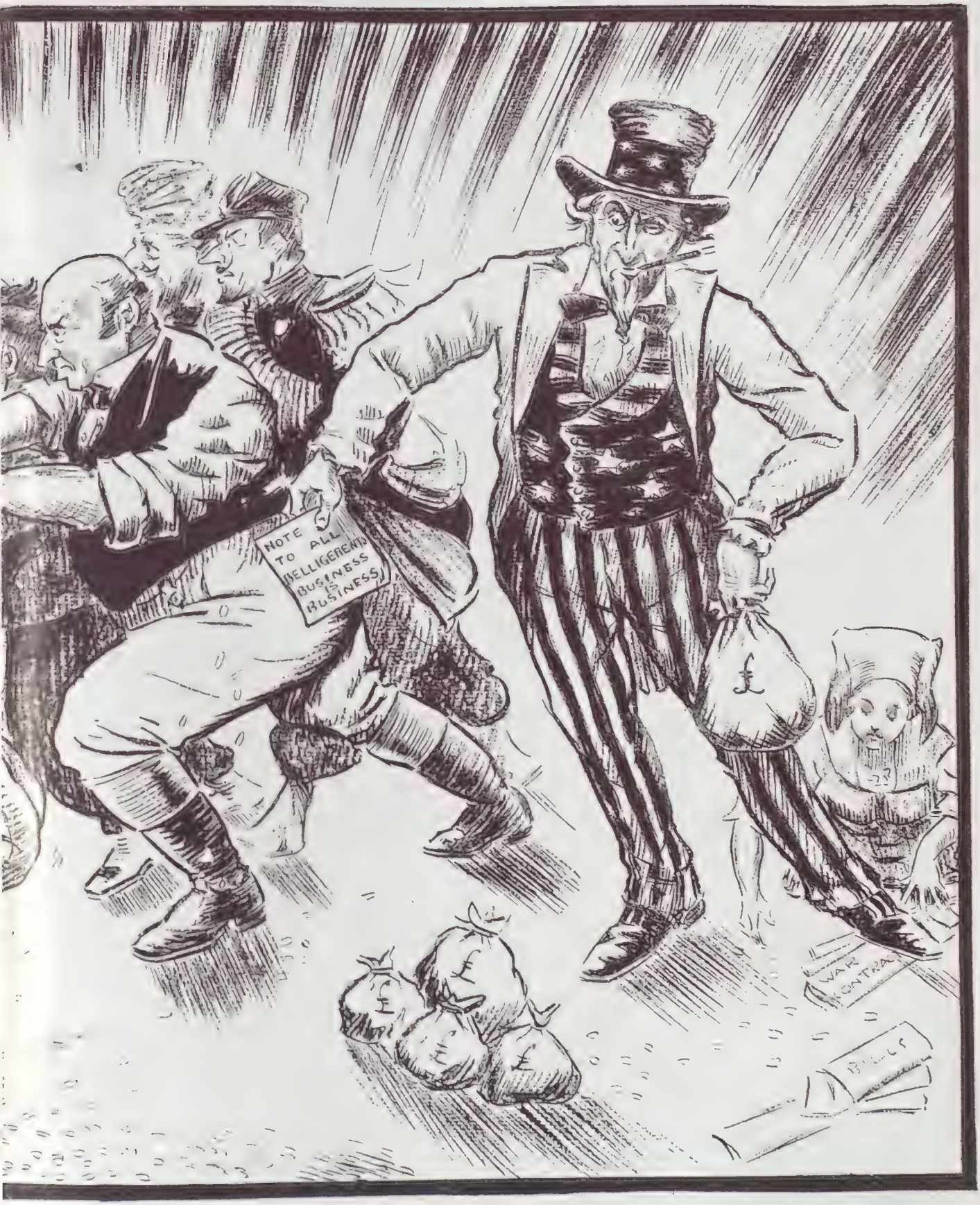
The Neutral's

"IT'S AN ILL WAR THAT

Point of View



" BLOWS NOBODY GOOD"

BY JAY WOODS

MUD, BLOOD AND KHAKI (*concluded from page 383*)

stand in trenches, up to their knees in mud and water, amid such a hail of explosives as the mind of man had never imagined. It is bad enough, believe me, to go through a bombardment with your soul filled with righteous hate of your enemy, but I would have you also believe that it must be infinitely worse to have to do so when you have no earthly idea what all the fuss is about. Yet that is what the Indian has done, and done so cheerfully, so willingly, that he sometimes put the white man to shame!

I have referred to the love of the native for his *sahib*—let me hasten to add that in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred that love is well-deserved. Nothing could exceed the keenness, the conscientiousness, or the gallantry of the British officer in command of native troops, nor can too much be said in praise of the solicitude that he has for his men, whose affection he returns in full measure. No one has "done his bit" more thoroughly during this war of wars than the British officer of the Indian Army. His labours have, indeed, been those of Hercules, and he has executed them all cheerily, thoroughly, conscientiously like the "very parfit gentleman" he is. When the true story of last winter's campaign comes to be written in full, it will tell a tale of almost ceaseless labour under the vilest of conditions, of almost daily deeds of heroism most modestly performed.

WELCOME TO THE LATE ARRIVAL

"Where 'ave *you* been? 'Avin' yer blinkin fortune told?"

By Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather

And it *must* be written, this story of the work done by the Indian Expeditionary Force in France, if, indeed, honour is to be paid to whom honour is due.

Whatever be their future sphere of activity, the roads of Northern France will for ever be peopled for me with memories of—taking them all in all—as gallant a lot of fellows as ever shouldered a rifle and had full right to call themselves Soldiers of the King.

THE LITTLE DIFFICULTY

The "Push"

BY ONE WHO'S BEEN PUSHED

BY CAPT. BRUCE BAIRNSFATHER

LONDON NIGHTS ENTERTAINMENTS

"L'Enfant Prodigue" at the Duke of York's

BY "JINGLE." ILLUSTRATED BY NORMAN MORROW

I OBSERVE with regret that the papers are making a tremendous fuss of the trifling fact that it is twenty-four years since this charming play was first brought to London. You see, I have to confess that I wrote a carefully considered and (I have no doubt) brilliant criticism of that first production, so that according to the mere figures of the almanac I ought to be a frightfully elderly person. Whereas—(are you going to write about the play or about yourself?—ED.) I remember that at the time it was very difficult to convince people who were not quite sure of their French that "Enfant Prodigue" did not really mean "Infant Prodigy"; but as to the success of the original production there can be no question. I think that the present representation will be equally successful.

It is true that Mlle. Andrée Mielly is not quite so physically sturdy a Pierrot as was the original exponent of the part, Mlle. Jane May; but I think the current production rather gains than loses on that account. Mlle. Mielly in her Pierrot costume looks no more than a child, and that fact, to my mind, adds to the unreal and fairylike nature of the story. An allegory is all the better for being represented allegorically.

I do not quite understand the fatal readiness of my brother critics to assume that everybody must know all about the story of this charming fantasy. After all, twenty-four years is a long, long time, especially for the ladies, who will hardly be ready to admit that they were present at the first performance in 1891. I mean, taking the average age, real or alleged, of the ladies at twenty-eight, where are you? Pierrot is the son of ordinary, honest, *bourgeois* parents; but in his soul there is a lofty poetry that they cannot understand. He has fallen in love with the girl who leaves the weekly washing. It is part of the genius of the play that the girl who leaves the washing becomes invested with the glamour of dear romance. Every man has a way of weaving halos round the brow of the object of his affections. I remember once a little girl who—but I believe the Editor dislikes these very personal reminiscences. He is probably apprehensive as to where

MLLE. MIELLY PROVES THAT A WOMAN CAN HOLD HER TONGUE WHEN NECESSARY

they may lead us. Let's get back to Pierrot.

For the sweet sake of the laundry-girl, who will only consent to leave Mother and Home on spot cash terms, Pierrot burgles the paternal escritoire, and runs away to set up a dovecot for his beloved. In the second act we see the guilty splendour for what it is worth when the unpaid bills are coming in, and the liabilities of the household have outrun the assets. Pierrot has only one chance to get even with fate, to wit, the gaming table. While he is away on his momentous enterprise, the laundry-girl receives a visit from an elderly Baron, who can at least supply her with the money which is her ideal of true and lasting love. It is pleasant to be able to note that the Baron is represented by M. Louis Gouget, who created the part twenty-four years ago (I am sorry to be always insisting on those twenty-four years, but the ladies cannot expect to keep young for ever). *I* am, of course, different—but I see the Editorial eye glowering upon me, and I, therefore, refrain prudently from further details. M. Gouget has, if anything, improved his reading of his part. As it stands, it is quite a wonderful expression of the art of pantomime.

Luck has been with Pierrot at the gaming table, and he returns home with his pockets full of good red gold. But he comes back to solitude and emptiness. The laundry-girl has flown with the Baron, and we have here the solemn object-lesson that what is bought with money must be kept by money. I daresay there is a moral to the story, but it is not at all obtrusive; and if you wish to ignore it for reasons of your own you are quite at liberty to do so. It is not for me to intrude upon the privacy of my betters! All this, together with the gently pathetic story of the third act, is, as you will have surmised, told in pantomime exclusively. Not a word is spoken. The inspired writer who recently howled in the public Press to the effect that this is a time for action and not for words, ought to go and see *L'Enfant Prodigue* at the Duke of York's Theatre. He should have his cup of happiness filled to the brim. JINGLE

This charming play without words, but accompanied by music that almost talks, promises to renew its earlier success. It is a dainty medley of smiles and tears, and is thus admirably suited to its hour

A TRAGEDY IN A TEA-CUP

Taken from Life and put on Paper in the Trenches.

BY CAPT. DESMOND COKE

I

Kingsmill Digby was romantic.

This need surprise nobody, when one considers that he was the son of a successful high-church curate and a first-class cook; nor should any wise man wonder that, after keeping goal for Harrow, he went to Oxford and the Devil, and ended as a City clerk. After four years of really honest endeavour to settle to this life, he reverted suddenly to type; joined six night clubs on his father's income; treated the office hours much as he had treated those in form as schoolboy—managed to survive them; and abandoning ambitions, nestled down easily to live on his past lack of reputation.

It was at this appropriate moment that Nemesis, having slept since the last days of Sophocles, suddenly woke up with a distinct feeling that Man was a pretty feeble sort of worm, and set herself to rouse him with a European War.

II

For about two days Kingsmill Digby trod on air. Mood succeeded mood in a dazzling succession, but finally through Patriotism he arrived at a decision to abandon all his evil ways in order to fit himself for some vague Call which would, presumably, come later.

For five days after that he waited, but the Call declined to come. The first mad rush for gold and foodstuffs had, however, dwindled in the meanwhile, and he decided that it would show panic to do anything rash in a hurry. . . . Responsible papers begged him not to hoard his money. . . . "Business as Usual," he was told, should be the Briton's motto. . . . So he carried on.

The price of cocktails at the night clubs, on his return to life, was his first glimpse into the horrors of war.

III

It has been often observed that professed romanticists are, as a rule, oddly unappreciative when their life-hunt is rewarded by a nice chunk of romance. You would have imagined Kingsmill Digby to be the most prosaic mortal in the world, to judge by his face as he read this stimulating letter:

October 6, 1914.

My Dear Kingsmill—

The war has now been on for two whole months, and I cannot make out that you are doing anything about it. Your applications for money have become, if anything, more frequent. Having talked to you last month, I now propose to act. I have instructed Barclay's to stop paying you your allowance from this date. As I know you to be incapable of earning more than eighty pounds a year or living on less than eight hundred, this has seemed to me the easiest and least unpleasant way of forcing you at last to do your duty in this crisis.

Once you are gazetted, I shall, of course, continue your allowance.

I wish you all luck in the Army. Your mother is making you a housewife, and I shall give you an inscribed Field Prayer Book.

Your affectionate father,

Ambrose Digby

IV

On the whole, quite apart from all thought of Romance, it was a relief to get out to the trenches.

At first, Kingsmill Digby had found a certain pleasure in self-admiration. He liked passing muscular and fit civilians in mufti. He thrilled when organs played "Your King and Country Need You." He read the posters telling the same story, and felt how splendidly he had himself responded to the call. He spoke of all civilians as slackers. He broke out into spurs and a moustache. He felt he need fear nothing, not even a white feather. . . .

But this soon grew stale, and the monotonous labour of soldiering at home under high pressure began to seem far too much like Work to be pleasant to 2nd Lieut. Digby.

Once at the Front, though no less busy, he found himself a great deal more his own master, and with the realisation of this fact came renewed hope of meeting genuine Romance. Through six weeks of sitting in a damp trench one hundred yards away from trenches filled with men who wished to kill him—a tedious and prosy job—he dreamed of feats more independent from which he should emerge with (at the least) a D.S.O. and some wound just enough to let him limp, bandaged, along the shady side of Piccadilly.

Meanwhile, he developed rheumatism.

V

It was, after all, whilst the battalion was back in billets, that his chance came at last.

A pale corporal rushed up to him, all agitation, at dusk one evening.

"Oh, sir," he gasped, "I'm looking for an officer."

"I'm one," Kingsmill answered, simply.

"Please, sir," said the man, reassured, "there's someone sapping underneath that shed there. You can hear the tap, tap, tap. They're working, sir. I couldn't be mistaken. You can feel the earth move underneath your feet. And there's the ammunition and grenades, sir, twenty yards away, and next to them the officers' mess, so I thought I ought to tell you, sir."

"Yes, yes," Kingsmill answered, not surprised at his own coolness. "Are you sure you aren't mistaken?" He did not want to help create a regimental joke, like some who had set out pursuing spies.

"I couldn't be mistaken, sir," the corporal replied. "I was a miner in real life."

"Come on, then," Kingsmill cried. "Show me the place."

VI

"Now, men," said Kingsmill, turning on the doorstep and addressing the two pasty boys whom the corporal had dug out from the Aid Post in the absence of able-bodied men. "Remember, you have a great chance of distinction. There is no chance of a mistake. I could hear the tap-tap-tap. I know the sound. And I could feel the ground move. Do not fire till

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The Dear Ones!

THE HOSTESS: "Some of the Belgians have quite a keen sense of humour, I do wish you'd come in and talk French to them"

BY THORPE

BYSTANDER SHORT STORY
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I give you the word. Possibly my own revolver may suffice. Come ! " and he rapped on the door.

It was the crowning moment of his life. Romance !

VII

" *Et ou donc conduit cette porte-ci ?* " he asked, turning to the saturnine unshaven peasant and with a glance of triumph at the pale wife and daughter clinging together in the near background. " *Vous m'avez dit qu'il n'avait rien ici.*"

He was enjoying it still more. Only one man, and not armed, apparently . . . yet thoroughly suspicious in his look and manner. Then the women's terror. . . . He glared at them savagely as he drew back an old skirt, artlessly hung on the wall, and so revealed a curiously new opening in the dingy wallpaper of the small sitting-room.

It was a dramatic tableau.

The two pasty boys grimly got a fresh grip on their rifles ; the pale corporal paled even more ; the women cowered ; but Kingsmill—Kingsmill did not turn a hair. He told himself that he was one of those who did not know what Fear meant, and who never would. He merely wished he knew the French for " liar." . . .

As things were, he decided to smile darkly.

VIII

Tap-tap-tap !

The sound came clear and distinct.

' There ! " cried Kingsmill—but he added, "*Ici !* "

In a moment he was at the door that led into the further room. The shed, of course, had been at the house-end. . . .

" Quick," he shouted. " Surround the house, men. Let nobody escape." The three filed out. The women huddled closer. He cocked his revolver and threw the door open.

Inside—inside stood languidly a grey old horse. The house arrangements of the peasant French are not always hygienic.

And as Kingsmill slowly let his revolver drop, the bored horse wearily tapped the hard earth with a disconsolate old hoof—tap, tap, tap !

Kingsmill could feel the ground move beneath him.

IX

For a romanticist, he was comparatively honest.

He had not been " had " ; oh no !

He had known all along that the pale corporal was an imaginative ass. He wouldn't have come into the bally place with nothing but three idiots, if not. Of course !

Oh, no, it was absurd to say he had been " had." . . .

And yet—on second thoughts—it was much *more* absurd to say that he had known there was no risk. . . . If so, there would have been no pluck : and he had certainly been plucky. . . .

Perhaps, when he was telling people, the best way would be ——.

X

Kingsmill Digby never had been thorough.

Deep in these thoughts he failed to keep his eye on the suspicious peasant, who chose this happy moment to explode the mine.

XI

The damage, after all, was slight.

For one thing the work, half completed, failed to reach the ammunition or the mess ; for another, the corporal and pasty boys had roamed away in fierce pursuit of the local Mayor, who happened to be passing, and, in short, the only thing blown to bits was Kingsmill Digby.

So that the story has a happy ending. . . .

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Christmas Shopping Notes

GIFTS TO SUIT ALL PURSES AND TASTES. BY MRS. JACK MAY

The Gift-Buyers' Mecca

IT is, of course, only natural that, as was also the case last year, the display of suitable gifts should be tempered to meet the necessities of war-time, and this is patent in whatever direction one turns, but at the same time the shops have risen to the occasion so thoroughly that Christmas shopping is in some respects an easier matter than it was in the piping times of Peace.

From time immemorial Tottenham Court Road has proved one of the most irresistible Christmas shopping rendezvous in town. In the furnishing section at Shoolbred's, something of a feature is made of a small writing bureau, delightful for a young girl's boudoir or bedroom, or for use in a flat. In oak, 24in. wide, 16in. deep, and 3ft. 11in. high, fitted with the customary pigeon-holes, and shut-up top, the cost is modest enough at £3 12s. 6d. In book troughs, again, there is choice galore, while for the sterner sex there is a small library stand of oak 2ft. 7in. high, by 1ft. 5in. wide, fitted with pipe rack and drawer, in addition to a book trough.

Passing on to the fancy goods, one finds a veritable plethora of choice in attaché cases, both empty and fully equipped with the necessary addenda, ranging in price from 8s. 6d. Emphasis is clearly laid on the practicability of the folding manicure case, the first price, with ebony fittings, coming out at 11s. 6d., others having silver and silver-gilt implements. The war is brought forcibly home by the presence of such articles as nickel service mirrors, and by cases of all sorts and sizes, the most complete, with extra pocket at back for loose maps and compasses, costing in khaki 13s. 6d., or pigskin 17s. 6d. Shoolbred's usual fully illustrated catalogue has been issued, and is obtainable on application.

British Eau-de-Cologne

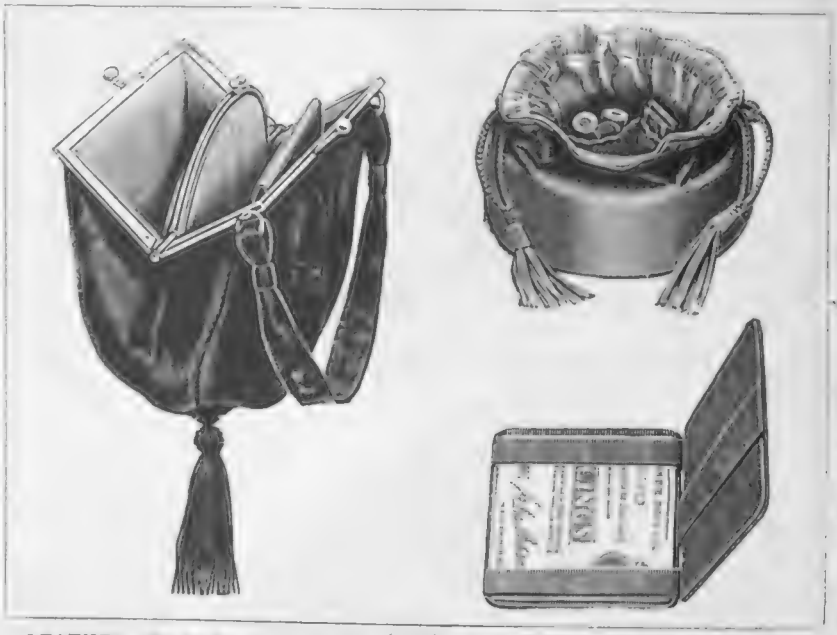
Some people seem to think that Eau-de-Cologne must come from Cologne, in Germany, to be good, and to pander to such ideas many British manufacturers have for years been making Eau-de-Cologne labelled "Johann Maria Farina." Of course, it is only a recipe, and it is no more a product peculiar to Cologne than Brussels sprouts to Brussels, or Bath buns to Bath. One of the oldest British firms is Luce's Jersey Eau-de-Cologne Company, first established in 1837. Their products are sold all over the world. The directors have recently presented 5,000 bottles of Luce's Eau-de-Cologne to the British Red Cross Society for the use of the wounded in hospitals in France and England, and are willing to supply more when requested.

SHOOLBRED NOVELTIES

Toy dresser, library stand, nest of three tables and toy go-cart. A small selection from a wide range of choice in the Furnishing and Fancy Goods departments at Messrs. Shoolbred's, Tottenham Court Road

Gifts of the Moment

Despite the fact that there may be divergence of opinion as to what actually constitute the picked gifts of the moment, few will dissent that workbags unquestionably come into the category. Half the world of women, at least, are knitting and sewing day in and day out, carrying, when possible, their work from place to place, so that no time may be wasted. And for this purpose Peter Robinson's, Oxford Street, have brought out the most delightful bag in soft leathers and the daintiest colourings, fitted with scissors at the very accessible price of 6s. 11d. The style of bag is shown as one of the items in the pictured trio, a smaller size being provided, and minus the scissors, at 2s. 6d. and 4s. 6d. These articles, it is superfluous to say, are to be found in the fancy goods and leather department in Oxford Street, always a most prolific source of Yuletide gifts. Foreseeing the immense demand for the really imperative treasury note cases, Peter Robinson's have gone in exhaustively for these handy little receptacles,



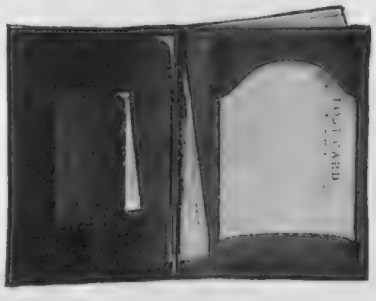
LEATHER WORK-BAG, TREASURY NOTE CASE, AND SILK HANDBAG
At Messrs. Peter Robinson's, Oxford Street

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOTES (continued)

and have brought them out in every conceivable expression and price. For a full size, that is to say, for the notes laid flat, there is a black *moiré* silk example, ideally dainty and feminine, at 3*s.* 6*d.*, a similar size in velvet calf coming out at 5*s.* 6*d.*, and in fine seal leather, 6*s.* 6*d.* Others, again, prefer a size of case that takes the notes folded, which is expressed in the materials described above, and works out respectively at 2*s.* 6*d.*, 3*s.* 11*d.*, and 5*s.* The third illustration, culled from this source, shows one of the latest hand-bags of *moiré* silk, black or navy, with vanity fittings, an amazing production for the modest sum of 10*s.* 6*d.* And it is merely one out of a wealth of choice, for bags are, and always have been since they came into vogue, a noted speciality of this section of the Oxford Street house of Peter Robinson.

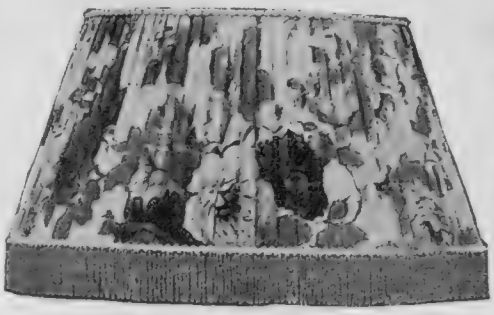
A Plethora of Welcome Suggestions

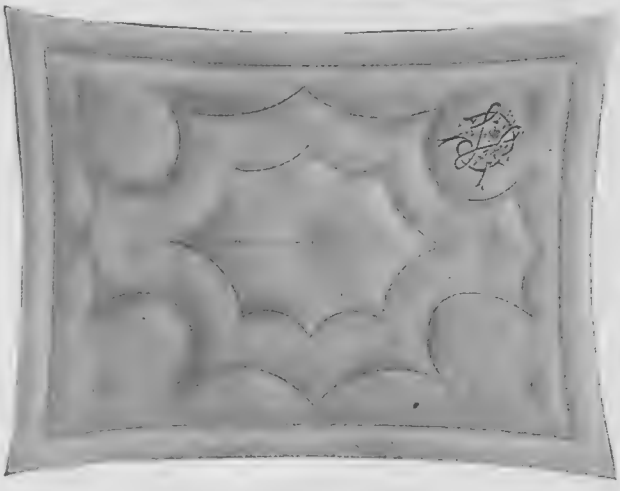
As the above heading denotes, there is no lack of Christmas enterprise at D. H. Evans's, Oxford Street, an always eagerly sought-after rendezvous at this period of the year. After a survey of the goods specially selected to meet the requirements of inexpensive gifts, one is struck by the large sprinkling of articles that without being novel are yet always in request—such as workboxes, manicure cases, trinket boxes, attaché cases, writing blocks, cabinets, calendars, and photo-frames. A folding photo-case, brought out in brown antique leather, ornamented with self-coloured tooling, commences in a size that can be carried in the pocket at 3*s.* 11*d.* A photo receptacle is one of several distinctive details of a soldier's pocket stationery case, an article included in the two illustrations. This is an eminently appropriate gift, and will doubtless travel by the thousand to our men at the Front. It is equally practical in kind, being composed of waterproof khaki, and filled with paper, envelopes, postcards, pencil, all inclusive for 1*s.* 9*d.* Or the same may be had in the superior guise of pigskin at 4*s.* 11*d.* A useful adjunct of the busy days in which we live is a tear-off memorandum block, so adapted that it can be hung on the wall, or laid flat on a writing-table. Complete with pencil, 1*s.* 6½*d.* is the very modest price. The firm also appear to have laid special emphasis on lined work-baskets, rightly judging these to be appropriate to the hour. And this assortment is as varied as it is large. With the limited space, however, at command it is only possible to illustrate a single example, one of those jolly folding affairs, which, when not in use, can be stowed away flat against a wall. The frame is of wood, while the hanging pocket is of cretonne, the whole measuring about 30in. high. The cretonne bag unlined costs 4*s.* 6*d.*, or lined sateen 5*s.* 6*d.*, a third variety being carried out in black satin, the interior of coloured silk, at 9*s.* 11*d.* D. H. Evans's have spared no expense in a generously illustrated Christmas catalogue that it will well repay one and all to peruse.



SOLDIERS' POCKET STATIONERY CASE

In waterproof khaki, with photo receptacle, and folding work-basket, at Messrs. D. H. Evans's, Oxford Street





EMPIRE-SHAPED LAMPSHADE

On collapsible wire frame, and monogram down quilt of mercerised sateen, at Messrs. Williamson and Cole's, Clapham

For the House-Proud Woman

From that house of unrivalled artistic fame, Williamson and Cole, Clapham, come many enchanting suggestions, precedence being accorded quilts, lampshades, and work-tidies. The two first-named are replete with charm, interest, and individuality. In view of Christmas giving, there has been brought out a specially illustrated list of lampshades, from out of which was commandeered the model pictured. This is one of Williamson and Cole's unique successes, since it can be made up on a collapsible wire frame, and so easily packed and transplanted abroad or anywhere. The shape is on simple, Empire lines, the lower edge bordered with a bead fringe. For these shades a great deal of printed sateen is employed, infinite care being bestowed on the artistic character of the designs, while in many instances there are electric light shades to match. Japanese effects are likewise much in evidence, and there are some quite beautiful hand-painted parchment shades, of Jacobean design, in which birds play a conspicuous part. One of these, carried out in black-and-white, is notably *récherché*. Florentine silk provides a further composing medium, used either in handkerchief form or fluted, sometimes finished with a printed border. And yet another most gratifying success, as was to be easily prophesied, has been achieved by the monogram down quilt, as dainty a fancy as could well be conceived. These quilts range from a cot size to one suitable for a double bed, and are of the very best English mercerised sateen and good quality down, full ventilation being allowed for throughout. In this case, again, a helpful coloured illustrated sheet is provided. For Williamson and Cole fully recognise how only the very few will attempt a visit to the establishment at Clapham, and have inaugurated what is, perhaps, one of the most complete systems of shopping through the post in existence. At the same time, anyone having the time and the facility will reap a full measure of reward from a visit to the shop.

Real Comfort

The easy chairs, settees, etc., devised and executed in the furnishing section at John Barker's, Kensington, are world-famous, for they travel to all parts, and everywhere make their mark. They are immeasurably superior articles, designed with care to provide the maximum of comfort, allied with good and artistic line, as witness the example pictured on p. 396, the "Cecil." Covered, as shown, in striped poplin and stuffed hair, the cost at the moment is only £4 15*s.* But the fact

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should be borne well in mind that with all the desire and will in the world, it is quite unlikely John Barker will be able, after the existing stock is sold out, to produce replicas at the same moderate rates, in view of the rise in price of materials and the scarcity of labour. So now is the propitious moment. And if you have no time for a visit to Barker's (where, incidentally, the various processes of making chairs, etc., can be seen and studied with a considerable amount of profit), a carefully illustrated brochure can be had for the asking, in which the chief lines in chairs are given

THE "CECIL" EASY CHAIR

One of the many good things in the furniture department at Messrs. John Barker's, Kensington

A Look Round at Liberty's

Now that Germany's command of the toy trade has been lost—let us hope for all time—the zeal displayed in the production of the British article has been splendid, and, as was only to be expected, Liberty's are responsible for a number of interesting novelties. Plush toys have taken an easy place in the front ranks. Teddy Bear and Brer Rabbit assume a bold position, the latter being fashioned throughout in plush, and, when erect, measuring 8½in. high. His price is 2*s.* 6*d.* There is, however, choice galore in toys after this *genre* at Liberty's representing interesting forms of animal and bird life, effected in light soft plushes and serges, unbreakable and amusing, and at all prices within the range of any purse. Significant emphasis is laid on knitting-bags of every kind and quality. A single example is illustrated, which, as in several of the season's novelties, is expressed in Shantung silk, hand-printed in choice colourings, and lined plain silk. Besides being a dainty feminine fancy, the size, 14in. by 11½in. long, is a thoroughly practical one. Almanacs of very persuasive order represent Dutch designs, mounted in stained wood frames, the almanac hanging from the base. In these there is a choice of five designs, 8½in. by 4½in., costing 9*d.* each, an example again being illustrated. An admirable contribution to the comfort of convalescent soldiers and sailors is a fleecy lined pair of boots, as cosy a specimen of footgear as could well be conceived. The firm have issued a fully illustrated catalogue, from which a selection can be made and ordered by post.

Everything for the Smoker

In the almost bewildering selection of Christmas gifts at J. C. Vickery's, 177-181, Regent Street, the war influence is, of course, paramount, a case in point being a weatherproof matchbox and tinder-lighter combined, one of the two articles illustrated. Vickery's are offering this clever combination in sterling silver, plain or engine-turned, and also in plain solid gold. Likewise for the smoker is the solid silver single row cigarette-case, to which the spirit of the moment is imparted by beautifully enamelled flags of the six gallant Allies: British, French, Russian, Italian, Belgian, and Japanese. A case carried out in similar style allows for a double row of cigarettes. In great demand at the moment are lockets, a favourite style taking the form of a solid gold flat round shape, capable of holding two pictures. These represent gifts for either sex, while some fascinating jewelled pendants for miniatures are essentially feminine, a range extremely moderately priced, being set with pearls or pearls and turquoises. Vickery's original Lucky Chain numbers are proving as popular as ever, the firm making any number to order in the shortest possible time. Nor must mention be omitted of the fine display of hand-bags, an appreciable number of these being of *faille* silk, either black or navy, while others are of velvet, an eminently pleasing model revealing a new wide shape of grey or tan soft *suède* leather. In every sense Vickery's may be said to have fulfilled, once again, the highest anticipations.

TWO OF LIBERTY'S CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

An almanac of Dutch design, mounted in stained wood frame, and a knitting bag in hand-printed Shantung silk

Brigg and Sons, 23, St. James's Street

There is no mistaking the warlike attitude adopted by the world-famed house of Brigg and Sons. They have gone in extensively, for instance, for murderous weapons disguised in the most elegant and harmless-looking forms. Who, for example, would for a moment suspect the gentleman's walking-stick depicted on page 398 of being an efficient life-preserver? It is obtainable in either steel-topped rubber, or in steel-tipped corded wire, and is as exquisitely neat and perfect in construction as it is effective in application. Another equally ingenious fitment is a sword-stick, while going out to the Front in hundreds is Briggs's loaded whip, in ash, cherry, leather, or pigskin covered Nilghiri, the hidden dirk destined to

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GIFTS FOR SMOKERS

A combined weatherproof matchbox and tinder-lighter, and a cigarette-case, with the flags of the six Allied nations enamelled thereon—two of many attractive novelties at J. C. Vickery's, 177-181, Regent Street

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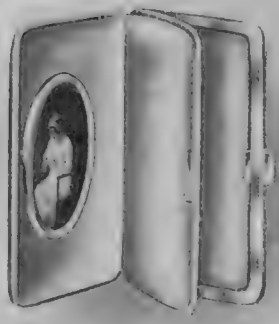

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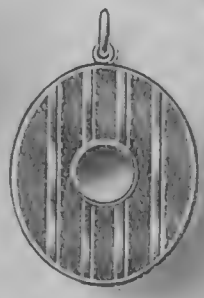

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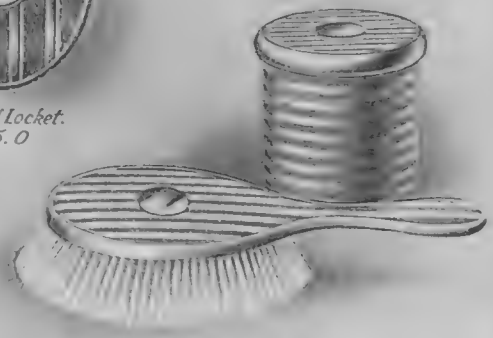

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Engine Turned Pattern.
Hair Brush £1. 15. 0.
Powder Box £3 0. 0.
Hand Mirror £3 5 0

Moiré Silk Motor Case,
Solid Silver Gilt & Ivory Fittings, Size 8x6 ins.
£6. 10. 0.

Silver Mounted and Inlaid
Tortoiseshell Manicure Set.
£5. 15. 0

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Silk Hand Bag,
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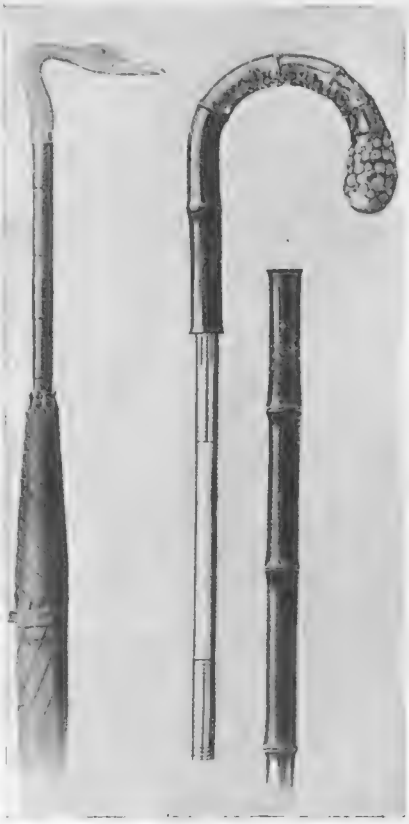
hurt shooting out automatically as the whip is thrown forward. Or the same whip is obtainable minus the dirk, merely with the loaded butt-end, which, deftly used, is capable of doing



THE "BRIGG" CACHET

Lady's umbrella with silver swan's head handle, and "life preserver" walking-stick, at Messrs. Brigg and Sons, 23, St. James's St.

a quite satisfactory amount of damage on its own. A seat-stick, the well-known Brigg "Perfect," has been recently brought into the fighting line by a simple attachment for instantly fixing a service bayonet. This can likewise be supplemented by a small

MESSRS. WILSON AND GILL'S NEW LOCKET

Made in gold in imitation of an Identification Disc, and designed to carry one miniature portrait

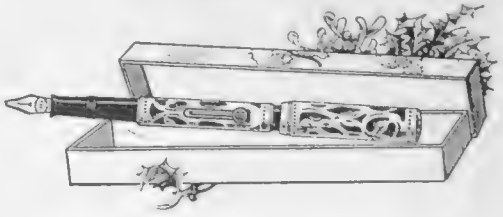
spring for fixing on a periscope mirror, also a rubber end for convalescent use, to help ease the jar to wounded limbs. Adjustable periscope glasses, by the way, play an important rôle just now at 23, St. James's Street. Notwithstanding the amount of attention the firm have deemed fit to bestow on these essentially warlike persuasions, time has been found to evolve a novel umbrella, one suitable to the use of either sex. Entitled the "Swagger" umbrella, the salient feature of this is the familiar cone-shaped top of the familiar "swagger" cane, supplemented by a strap to hang on the wrist. This is eminently a practical *parapluie*, albeit of a particular *cachet*, and ranges from a price well within the reach of the quite average purse. Illustrated is an umbrella exclusively for ladies, the top a particularly elegant swan's head carried out in silver.

War-Time Novelties at Wilson and Gill's

In the choice collection of novelties suitable for Christmas presents which are offered by Messrs. Wilson and Gill at 139 and 141, Regent Street, the military note appropriately prevails. There are, for instance, photo frames in silver or bronze, with a ribbon border in the colours of any regiment and surmounted with the regimental badge; there are regimental badge brooches, made by hand and embellished, if desired, by diamonds and other gems at prices ranging from £2 10*s.* to £25; and there are lockets of gold made in the form of identification discs, in which a miniature of the wearer of the real disc can be carried. From the illustration which we reproduce it will be seen that these lockets are extremely light and compact, and their cost is only £3 15*s.* Then there is a new pattern of flask with "bayonet" cap, which opens well clear of the user's mouth, costing in electro from 15*s.* and in solid silver from £1 15*s.*, while for a less costly gift—from 5*s.* upwards—one of Messrs. Wilson and Gill's new treasury note cases in *moiré* silk, pigskin, etc., is hard to beat. These are only a few out of a great many useful and ornamental things, a full catalogue of which can be had for the asking.

An Always Acceptable Gift

This Christmas will be the season for practical presents. There is one which, even more than in previous years, will stand out as the supremely suitable gift. It is Waterman's "Ideal" Fountain Pen, made in three types, the Regular, the Safety, and the New Lever Pocket Self-Filler, and in a variety of styles. The Safety type is the most suitable for friends on active service, and for those at home the New Lever Pocket Self-Filler is the novelty of the season. For those who do not desire a self-filling device the Regular type is all that a pen can be in efficiency, simplicity, and reliability. Each pen is guaranteed, and is fitted with an iridium-tipped gold nib, which may be obtained to suit the hand exactly, and exchanged if it does not. The Regular type costs from 10*s.* 6*d.* upwards, the Safety and Self-Filling from 12*s.* 6*d.* upwards, and they may be obtained from stationers and jewellers everywhere. A booklet showing styles can be had by writing to L. G. Sloan, at The Pen Corner, Kingsway, London, W.C., where a complete selection of Waterman's "Ideals" can be seen at any time, or nibs exchanged if not suitable.



A WATERMAN'S "IDEAL" FOUNTAIN PEN

The three types of which, together with their prices, are described on this page

Sweet Violets

It is, perhaps, something of a far cry for busy shoppers to the Violet Nurseries at Henfield, in Sussex, the home of the well-known toilet preparations purveyed by the Misses Allen Brown, but the difficulty of paying a personal visit is easily got over by sending for one of their illustrated booklets, wherein will be found a whole range of dainty and useful things suitable for gifts. With the sweet perfume of the home-grown violet as their basis the Allen-Brown preparations make an instant appeal, not only to those who love an atmosphere of cleanliness and fragrance for its own sake, but also to those who by reason of sickness or bodily injury stand in pressing need of gentle and health-giving restoratives. On this page we illustrate two of the Misses Allen-Brown's specialities, but only the booklet itself can give an adequate idea of the ingenuity and taste which is displayed in each and every product of the Violet Nurseries.

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ESSENTIALLY ENGLISH

Two of the well-known Allen-Brown preparations from the Violet Nurseries, Henfield

Born 1820—
still going strong.

JOHNNIE WALKER: "You get your letters home, censored, eh?"

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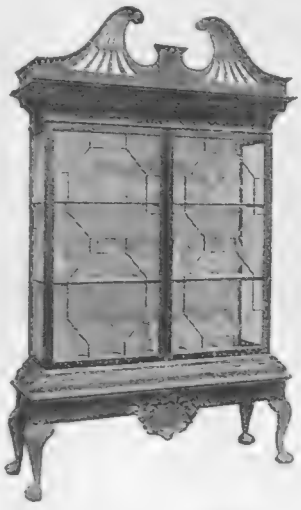
CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOTES (continued from page 398)

A Unique Shopping Opportunity

Those in search of bargains in furniture, plate, linen, pictures, pianos, and the like should write at once for particulars, which will be supplied in the form of an illustrated catalogue of the important private sale of goods to the value of over £500,000 now being held by the Furniture and Fine Art Depositories at 48-50, Park Street, Upper Street, Islington, who wish, by the way, to emphasise the fact that this is their only address. Any article in the catalogue may be had separately, and, if desired, can remain, stored free, and be paid for when delivery is required, or it will be packed free and delivered or shipped to any part of the world. The Depositories are open every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., so that even the busiest people should be able to find time for a personal visit of inspection, and cab-fares are refunded to all purchasers.



HANDSOME CABINET

One of many unique specimens of Chippendale origin in the sale now being held by the Furniture and Fine Art Depositories, Ltd., in Park Street, Islington

Sealing Wax Novelties

Messrs. Cooper, Dennison, and Walkden, Ltd., who specialise in sealing-wax, have a number of sealing outfits suitable for presents, with the wax perfumed or not, according to taste. Two of these, selling at 1*s.*, and 2*s.* respectively, make an instant appeal, particularly to ladies. The sets comprise four sticks of coloured wax, with miniature candlesticks and candles, and a compartment for holding a seal. The wax may be had in various colours, the box in each case being of a colour to match. For 5*s.* a handsome cabinet can be obtained, in scarlet, containing ten sticks of wax in various shades, with candlestick and candles. The "Georgian" sealing set is supplied in two forms, selling at 2*s.* and 5*s.* respectively. The former contains a candle and the latter a spirit-lamp, and both contain a pourer and pellets of wax of a size suitable for one sealing. Refills of these pellets can, of course, be obtained. The firm's goods are procurable from all stationers or direct from Messrs. Cooper, Dennison, and Walkden, 7 and 9, St. Bride Street, London, E.C.

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A Perfume of Distinction

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Unmade Army Shirts

In these days of grateful giving of all and everything that helps in the smallest degree towards the comfort of our wonderful soldiers and sailors, many should be tempted to devote a share of their Christmas expenditure to Shoolbred's unmade army shirts, a product of the gentleman's outfitting department, which has met with all the success it deserves. Indeed, it is difficult to keep the supply up to the demand, the working parties who have experienced the immense advantage of this reliable cut, allied to the very small increase in cost, returning again and again for fresh supplies. The material used for these shirts is a serviceable Union flannel, and each, as well as being cut out, is provided with set of buttons, neck band, and a form giving full instructions for finishing. There are two qualities, costing respectively 3*s.* 6*d.* and 4*s.* 6*d.* Pyjama suits, for hospital wear, planned on similar lines, come out, in Ceylonette, at 4*s.* 3*d.*, and in strong Union flannel at 5*s.* 6*d.*

SOMETHING FOR "TOMMY"

Army shirt ready cut out for making up, as supplied by Shoolbred's, Tottenham Court Road

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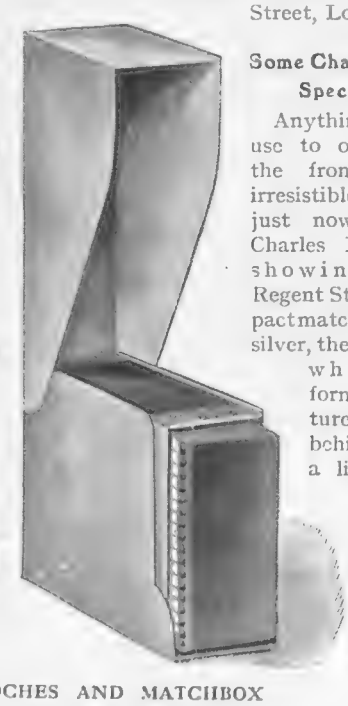
Royal Navy (Gold or Silver Anchor)

Northumberland Fusiliers

Northamptonshire Regiment



MILITARY BADGE BROOCHES AND MATCHBOX

At Messrs Charles Packer's, 76, Regent Street. The lid of the matchbox, when open, forms an efficient wind-screen

Some Charles Packer Specialities

Anything that is of use to our men at the front has an irresistible appeal just now. Messrs. Charles Packer are showing at 76, Regent Street, a compact matchbox case in silver, the lid of which when open, forms a miniature windscreen behind which a light can be obtained under any conditions. In solid silver its price is a guinea, and no more welcome present for either soldier, sailor, or civilian could be imagined. A luminous wrist watch, another indispensable part of field equipment, is sold by Messrs. Packer for £2 15*s.* complete, with luminous hands and figures, in a one-piece screw-in silver case and with a fine quality of lever movement. Of military badge brooches, which hardly any woman is without nowadays, Messrs. Packer also make a speciality, supplying the badge of any regiment set as a brooch and made in fine gold and enamels, correct in every detail, for two guineas each. A fully illustrated catalogue will be sent post free to any part of the world on request.

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If you wake up tired, if you are sleepless, run-down, nervous or depressed, write to-day for this trial package. You will be amazed at the improvement after a few days of "Sanaphos." Mention that you are a reader of this paper and the package will be sent to you free and post paid. The address is, The British Milk Products, Co., Ltd., 69, Mark Lane, London, E.C. Sir William Taylor, Surgeon General of the Forces, is Chairman of the Company.

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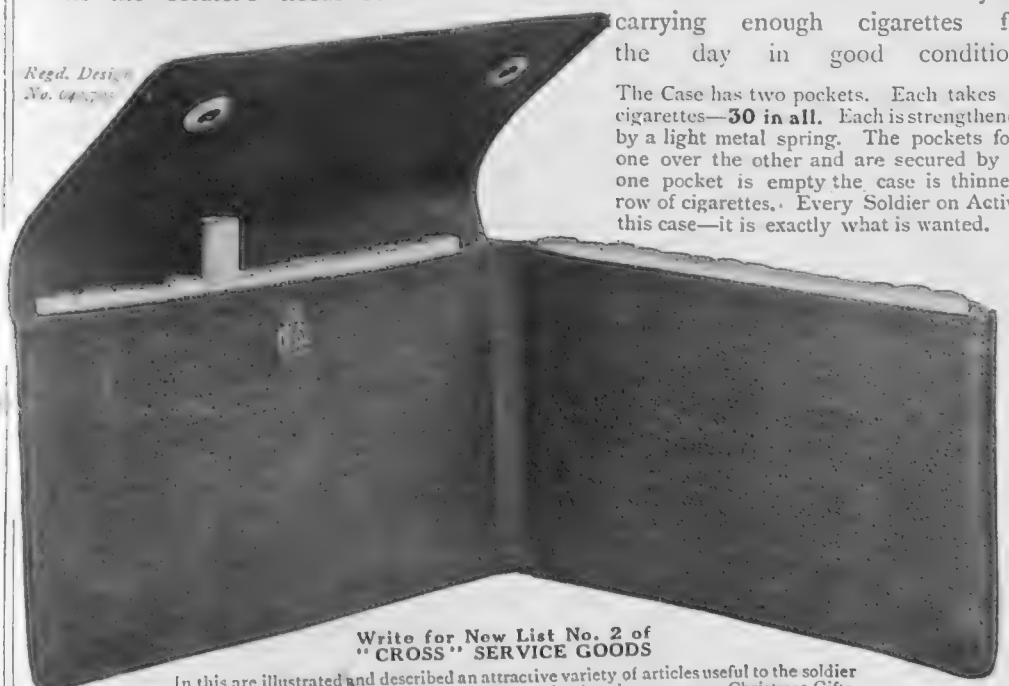

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The Little More that Means So Much

At Messrs. John Pound's, 268-270, Oxford Street, a house renowned for many an exclusive inspiration, the reasonable and serviceable gift takes precedence this season of the merely ornamental. Yet in such familiar objects as the Treasury Note Case or the Service Writing Case there is an individuality that at once hall-marks them with the firm's well-known taste and quality. Their note cases are carried out in real pigskin at 5*s.* 9*d.*, or in fine seal leather at 6*s.* 6*d.* The half-size, that can be slipped into a man's vest pocket, or a lady's small handbag, is represented in both these quotations, the postage costing 3*d.* This case is the subject of one of the accompanying illustrations. Another success is the service electric lamp, likewise illustrated. The advantages of the service lamp over the ordinary torch are manifold. Primarily it can be used for flashing or continuous lighting. The shape, moreover, is far more compact, while an invaluable asset is the brown leather case, fitted with a hood-shaped lid, which throws the light down for reading or writing purposes. Its cost is only a guinea. A service map-case is another invaluable equipment, which can be had in khaki drill 13*s.* 6*d.*, brown hide 16*s.* 6*d.*, and real pigskin 18*s.* 6*d.*, Messrs. Pound thoughtfully adding the reminder in their small illustrated brochure that the postage to the Expeditionary Force is 1*s.* Attention, again, is called to the new improved outpost canteen, an exceptionally complete affair in polished aluminium, weighing only 1½ lb., sent anywhere throughout the United Kingdom post free for 22*s.* 6*d.* "Fums Up" is one of the many quaint charms that are selling so freely just now, and that this Oxford Street house of novelties is offering in gold at 12*s.* 9*d.*

TREASURY NOTE CASE—

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The very elegant Drawing-room Furniture in styles of Louis XIV. and Louis Seize comprising carved and gilt settees, cabinets, tables, mirrors, etc., white enamelled and richly carved furniture, also painted satinwood, and marqueterie inlaid. The following will suffice to give an idea of the absurdly low prices to be accepted.

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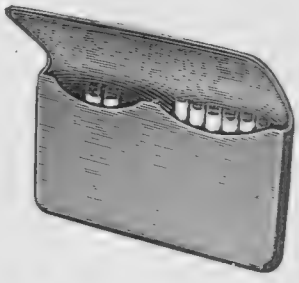

CIGARETTE CASE
(*As sketch at right*).
In Pigskin, lined Silk Moire, 2 sizes. **12/6 and 15/6**

THE MYSTIC TREASURY NOTE CASE
(*As sketch at left*)
In Black Moire, 2/- In Straight Grain Leather, purple or green, 1/6 In Pigskin, 5/6

SILK MOIRE BAG
(*As sketch at right*)
With inner division, fitted with Scent Bottle, Hair-Pin Case, Puff Box and Mirror, lined with Moire.
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(*As sketch at left*)
In hard grain Morocco, fitted with Mirror and Writing Tablet. In black, navy, helio, green and brown. **10/6**

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The Regent St. House of Peter Robinson

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NOTES (*continued from page 402*)

Tobacco with a History

It is interesting to note that Carreras, Ltd., the well-known tobacco and cigarette manufacturers, commenced business in those stirring days when Nelson was in his prime. Since that date—127 years ago to be exact—Carreras have set a standard of tobacco blending which has consistently been the very highest. Connoisseurs will never fail to thank this firm for introducing the famous Craven Mixture, immortalised by Sir J. M. Barrie in "My Lady Nicotine," or to avail themselves of that expert knowledge which has produced such delightful tobacco blends as the Hankey's, Sil Phillips, Guards, and Mugge's Mixtures, to say nothing of the ever-popular Craven "A" Tobacco and Cigarettes.

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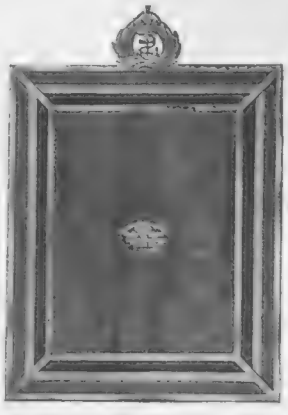
For a new perfume to make for itself a firmly established position in the first year of the great war indicates that its merits must be of an outstanding character. Wana-Ranee, the Perfume of Ceylon, was only introduced to the public in July, 1914, but is already regarded as a queen among perfumes. It is typically eastern in character, and has an exquisite charm entirely its own. The woman of taste uses the same perfume in every department of the toilet, thus making it a fragrant and harmonious whole. Wana-Ranee meets this demand in every respect, and a complete series makes a very handsome and most useful Christmas present. It is distilled by Messrs. Grossmith and Son, the well-known perfumers of Newgate St., E.C.

Photos Frames of Unique and Appropriate Character

Prominent among the Christmas exhibits of the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths, 112, Regent Street, are their



REGIMENTAL RIBBON AND BADGE PHOTO FRAMES
At the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths, 112, Regent Street

regimental photograph frames—as appropriate to the time as they are charming and exclusive in character. An idea of what they are like is given in the accompanying illustration, but their worth can be better appreciated by a personal visit. They are to be had either in solid silver or khaki bronze, two narrow lines of the metal enclosing a regimental ribbon. Numbers of other kinds of photo frames are being shown here, one and all characterised by the same individuality and *récherché* beauty, and representing the gift above all others that cannot possibly be wrong.

The sweetest little trinket boxes of tortoiseshell enhanced by regimental badges, inlaid in silver, the base of the box being likewise of silver, are quite inexpensive; while the same spirit of the moment is expressed in small unobtrusive *bijouterie*, such as the Albatross, indicative of the R.N.A.S., carried out entirely in diamonds. Every nameable regiment or arm of the two services is to be found represented in this covetable guise, the designs in every instance being exclusive to the house, and executed under personal supervision on the premises. There is no middleman between the Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Company and their *clientèle*, a condition of unquestionable advantage, both from the point of view of price and the surety of securing really exclusive conceptions. Added to which there is no pleasanter shopping rendezvous in London, where courteous attendants and an entire absence of any importunity to buy make shopping a pleasurable experience.

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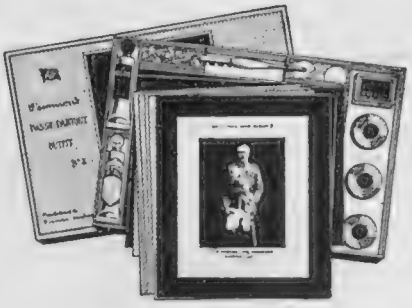

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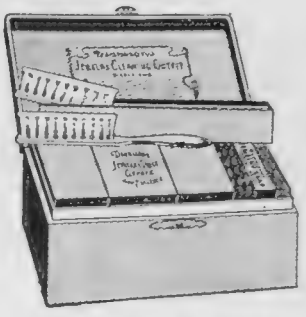

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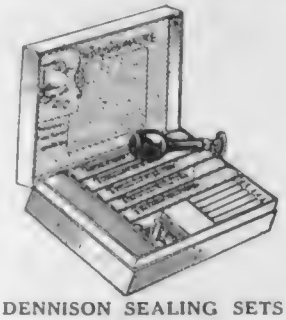

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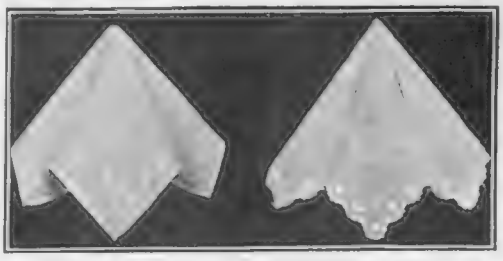
of this establishment, which, starting upon a solid foundation, has been gradually built up until the structure, as it now stands, commands the admiration of all. On the superb handling of Electrolysis alone a whole treatise could be written. This method has been probed to the depths of its possibilities, and in its higher branches is responsible for some extraordinary results. Naturally, the skill employed in this regard is particularly expert, and there is no question that all such defects as moles, birth-marks, and the like can be successfully dispelled. Nor of the efficacy of the face treatment can too much be said, the foundation of this being the world-renowned Pomeroy Skin Food, which has the magnificent test of time to its credit. A face treatment in these salons is one of the most refreshing, and at the same time most restful, experiences possible to imagine. Nor is there any generalising. Each skin is carefully studied and judged, and then treated according to its merits, or, perhaps, one should, more correctly speaking, say, its demerits. In some cases an appreciable difference is perceptible after a single visit, and this without any adventitious aids, though, as goes without saying, a course results in a more lasting effect. The proprietors of Mrs. Pomeroy, Ltd., do not, however, profess to work miracles, or, in fact, do more than restore lost tissues and the unblemished surface originally bestowed by nature. And that of a fact is triumph enough.

Handkerchiefs Galore

In view of the economy that will have to be so extensively exercised this Christmas, it is probable that handkerchiefs, as a Yuletide gift, will stand more prominently to the fore than ever, and Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver, Regent Street, have provided, as is their custom, a perfect feast of choice in *mouchoirs*. A particularly notable offering is a line of fine mull-embroidered handkerchiefs, assorted designs, only 3*s*. 11*d*. the dozen, while for tastes more fastidious there are exquisite sheer linen qualities, delicately embroidered, up to 18*s*. the dozen. Other dainty and suitable *lingerie* gifts to be found in these *salons* comprise nightdress and handkerchief sachets of finest hand-embroidered sheer linen, mounted over pale coloured silks. These last are invariably appreciated as presents, and at Robinson and Cleaver's are invariably shown in most seductive and persuasive guise. Comforts for the troops are provided in khaki Shetland and chamois leather waistcoats, sleeping-bags, knitted caps, etc. The models are all practically exclusive to Robinson and Cleaver, who have devoted a considerable amount of study to their production.



EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS
At Messrs. Robinson and Cleaver's, Regent Street. The one on the right is of lawn (5s. 11d. the dozen), and the other is of sheer linen embroidered in one corner (11s. 0d. the dozen)

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For the true lover of all that is beautiful and artistic in both antique and second-hand modern furniture there is no greater pleasure than a

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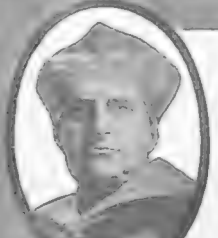

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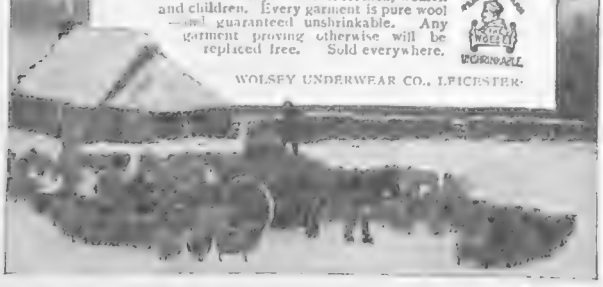

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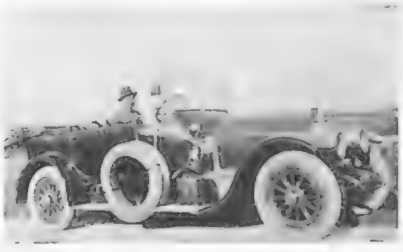

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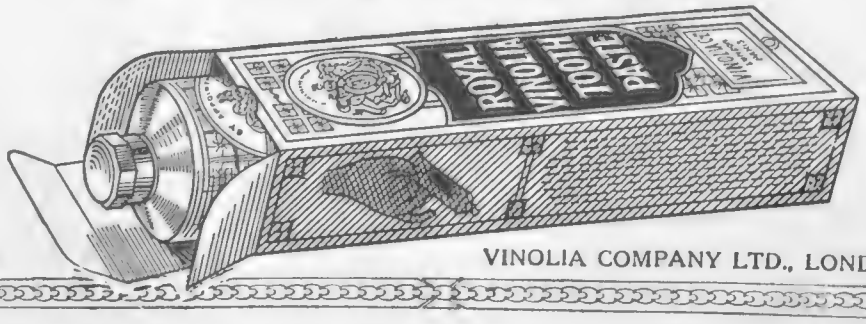

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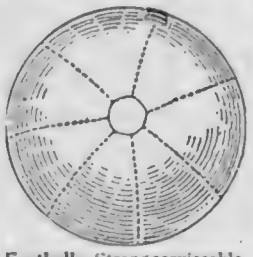

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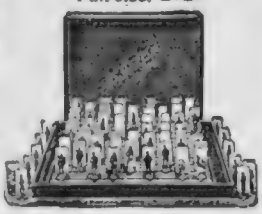

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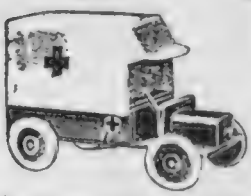

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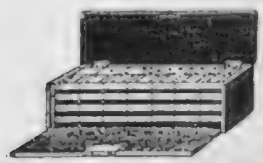

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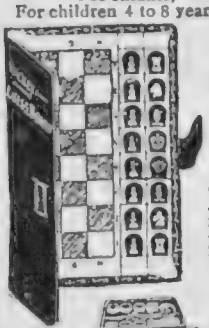

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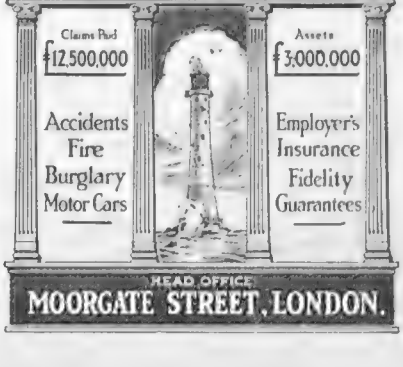

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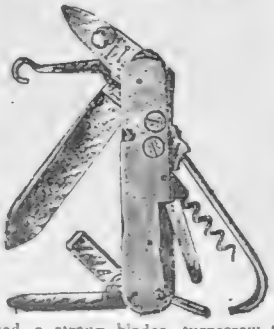

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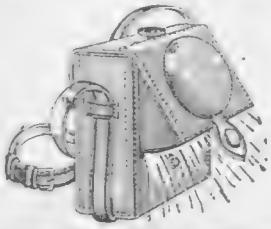

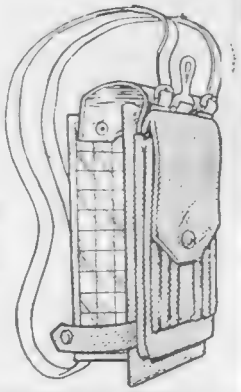

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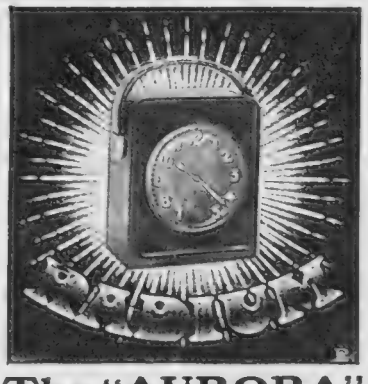

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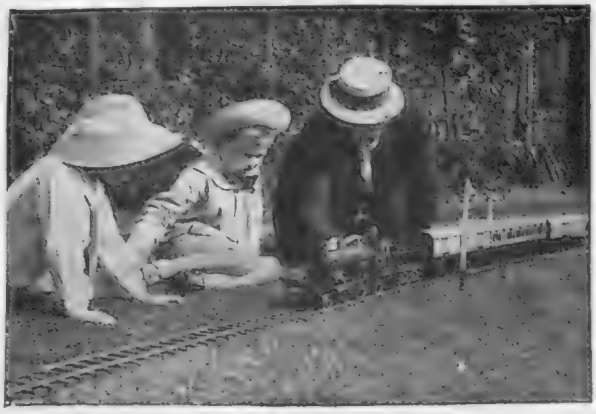

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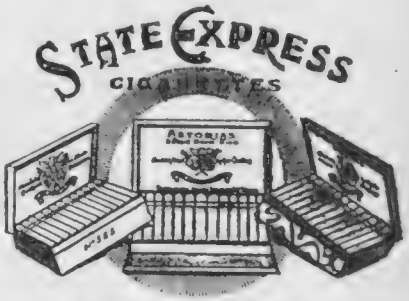

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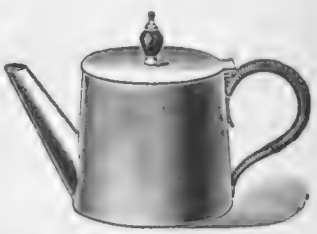

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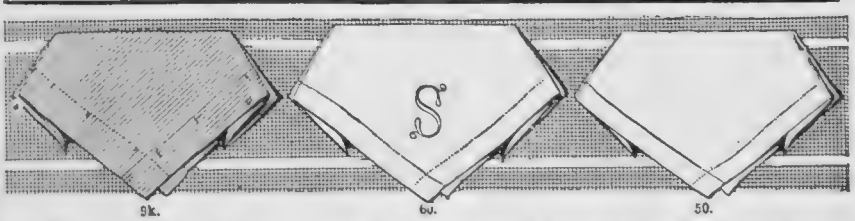

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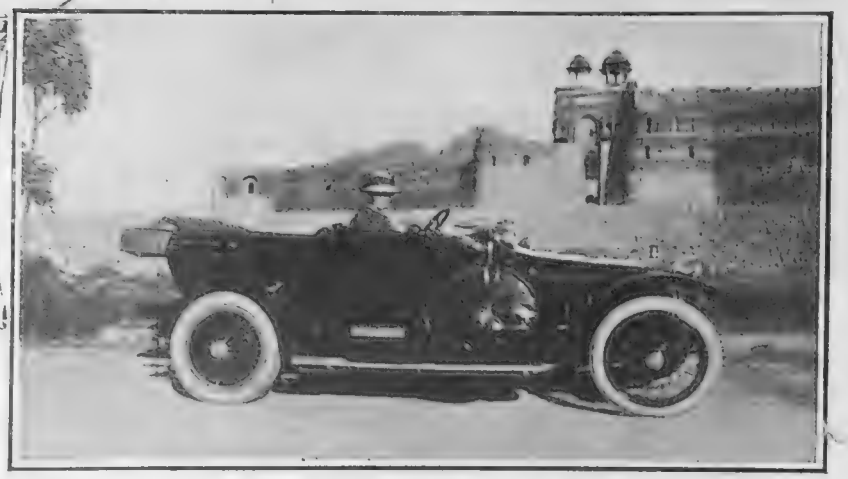

THE "STRAKER" IN INDIA

One of the 15-20 h.p. Straker-Squire cars, owned by Mr. R. H. Sears, of Delhi. In the background is the ancient citadel of Humayon, the father of Akbar the Great Mogul, which once was on the banks of the Jumna. Now the river has moved itself a mile or more away

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A.A. Activity

Here are two cases worthy of comment in this particular connection. The A.A. writes on Nov. 17 asking any motorist convicted at the Banbury Police Court in respect of infringements of the reduced lighting order at Banbury occurring since April 9 to send along full particulars, because it has now been discovered that the lighting order referred to was revoked on April 9, and the Association is after taking steps to get all such convictions quashed and the fines refunded. On November 18 the A.A. writes again to inform me that it is instituting an employment bureau for military motor-car drivers discharged from the Army through wounds or illness as unfit, but not so unfit that they cannot undertake the comparatively light work of a private chauffeur.

The Road

These are two very useful little bits of work, neither having any connection with the issuing of badges. At least once a week, often every day, the A.A. undertakes new responsibilities of the kind, or occupies itself in some new development of its routine work. I do not know what the R.A.C. does, because it has no Press department to inform me, or because it prefers to hide its light under a bushel—at any rate until it requires more members. Doubtless it, too, is doing some useful work somewhere. The gibe of the *Autocar* is, therefore, silly as well as unworthy. It is all very well to instruct some other body to do work we cannot do ourselves; but it

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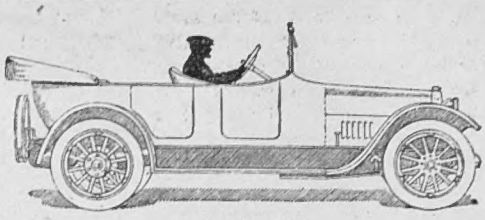

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MOTORING (*concluded from page* xvi)

would be more seemly if, at the same time, we endeavoured to remember that one body cannot do everything, and that the conditions of the time are such that it may be quite impolitic to agitate too strenuously for the diversion of some of the money which the Chancellor affirms is urgently necessary for the successful prosecution of the war. The maintenance of the roads is, I grant you, a very important matter, and I have already dealt with it at some length; but organisations of private motorists are not the best road propagandists just now—for reasons which will be apparent to most people. Under the most unfavourable conditions the A.A. is keeping its end up and its organisation healthily useful. That is something the *Autocar* League could not do under the most favourable conditions.

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"Patch Brothers!"

The most we can hope for at the moment is that the local authorities will, in their own interests, appreciate the exceeding undesirability of letting their roads fall to pieces. What the local authorities have to do is to patch the pothole and palliate the trouble until such time as a thorough job can be made of it. There's doubtless plenty of old-man labour available for the work and a timely patch may save a costly wreck. Therefore "patch brothers, patch with care"—and with the right material, not necessarily for the safety of the *passenjaire* on the road, but because that is one real way of economy. A penny wisely spent to-day may save the pound that must foolishly be spent to-morrow.

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Another Hope Quashed

What has become of "Petrolex"? During the earlier part of the year "Petrolex" came up over the horizon from the direction of South Africa, to raise the hopes of all private motordom then groaning under the burden of high petrol prices. (Since the new tax has been added the groanings are too soulful to be uttered at all.) "Petrolex," we were told, was a derivative of molasses, and could be marketed in any quantity at 3¾*d.* per gallon and then show a profit of 48 per cent. Allowing the performance to be no better than 25 per cent. of the promise, we should have been nearly 33 per cent, better off, assuming "Petrolex" to be equal in efficiency to "Taxibus," which then retailed at 1*s.* 6*d.* per gallon. "Petrolex," alas! was too, too jolly for words. At any rate, I have heard no more. Perhaps one of these days an efficient petrol substitute will be available in quantities large enough to make its competition felt. Petrolex, alcohol, benzol—we shall not care many straws how it is called or from what derived; so that we get it. Until then we are in the maw of a gentle petrol combine that holds us for all our squirmings. It's very hard.

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Things That Matter

The Sunbeam Company has sent many gramophones and records to the various motor ambulance sections operating at the front. This is fine. I daresay in the piping times of peace it was philistinish. But these are not the piping times of peace, and the front is a lonesome place when there happens to be a lull. At such times a "wee deoch and doris" or the Gaby Glide or some other peace-time banality become a giddy dissipation notwithstanding the gramophone. — The Langham Steel Company, per friend Webb, announce that they have taken over the Hudson car concession. The Hudson is distinctly one of the class cars of America. All interested should write the company at 10, Great Marlborough Street.—Good news. There will shortly be a further limited quantity of the 15-20 h.p. Straker-Squires available. Place your orders.

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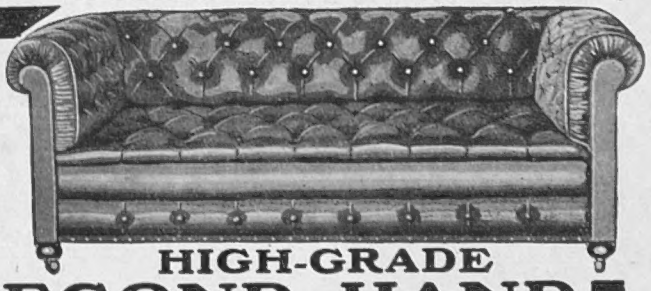

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No. I
Eggs in Cases
Scotch Barley Broth
Sponge Roll

No. II
Lentil Soup
Lamb Pie
Cranberry Tart
Cheese Balls

No. I

Eggs in Cases

Butter as many small casserole dishes as are required, break an egg into each, put a pinch of white pepper and salt and about a dessertspoonful of grated cheese on each, and bake in a quick oven for about five minutes, or until the eggs are just set. Serve at once.

Scotch Barley Broth

Take the middle cut of a neck of mutton or New Zealand lamb, put it on to boil, with a quart of water to each pound of meat. Put in, while the water is cold, a breakfast cupful of pearl barley. Cut up into dice, quite small, two turnips, two carrots, two onions, and a cabbage. Add these when the soup is boiling, and a few sprigs of parsley. Let the broth boil for two hours. Serve the meat with the vegetables and broth in a tureen.

Sponge Roll

The cheapest, quickest, and best way to make a sponge roll is as follows: Two eggs, 2 oz. of flour, 2 oz. of castor sugar, one teaspoonful of baking powder. Separate the whites from the yolks, beat the former stiffly, and add them last. Put on a floured tin, bake ten minutes in a quick oven, spread over it a thick layer of preserve, and roll over three times while hot.

No. II

Lentil Soup

Soak the lentils overnight and wash them very thoroughly. Put one pint of lentils into a pan with three pints of water, a little salt and pepper, one grated carrot, and one onion minced very small. Boil well till the lentils are soft. Then put into a separate pan 1 oz. of butter, stir into it smoothly 1 oz. of flour, add half a pint of milk, and stir this into the lentil soup. Fried dice of bread should be sent up with the soup. If preferred the vegetables can be rubbed through a colander.

Lamb Pie

Cut some cold roast lamb or mutton into slices, cut off the fat, and dip each slice into flour, season with salt and pepper, and put them in a buttered pie-dish or casserole with alternate layers of sliced tomatoes. Moisten with some nicely flavoured stock, and sprinkle over some chopped parsley. Cover with a layer of mashed potatoes, brush over with beaten egg, and bake in a fairly hot oven for about three-quarters of an hour. Serve hot.

Cranberry Tart (An American Recipe)

Boil one pint of cranberries with a cup of sugar and the same quantity of water until reduced to a pulp—about half an hour. Remove from the fire, and strain through a colander to remove the skins. Line a deep buttered plate with short crust, and spread with the stewed cranberries. Bake for forty minutes.

Cheese Balls

Beat the whites of two eggs to a stiff froth, stir in 2 oz. of grated cheese, salt and cayenne to taste; shape the mixture into small balls, and drop them into boiling fat. Fry them for five minutes till of a golden brown, drain well, and sprinkle grated cheese over them. EMILIA

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